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Preface

Concomitant with the initial plans for celebrating the centennial of Catasauqua was the desire to publish a historical book. To achieve this objective, the general centennial chairman appointed a historical and publicity committee which was later expanded as the occasion necessitated.

In formulating the prospectus for the book, there was unanimous agreement that it should contain a resume of past industries since these were so capably described in "A History of Catasauqua", published in 1914. Likewise, the committee agreed that there should be no display advertisements, and that contemporary industry and business copy should be of a historical nature.

With these basic principles the committee, with the splendid cooperation of industry, business and private citizens, endeavored to present a book which it hopes will do honor and justice to Catasauqua's heritage and present achievements.

The compilation of this publication is truly a demonstration of our American democracy at work, for many citizens participated in this project. They gave unstintingly of their talent and time without expectation of fee or reward. In such an undertaking, the possibilities of making errors are manifold, but should errors or omissions occur, they were not made intentionally.

The chairman is extremely grateful to everyone involved for the splendid cooperation and willingness to perform assigned tasks. He specifically wishes to acknowledge the sincere cooperation of the following: Catasauqua Junior Woman's Club, Mr. Nevin H. Guth, for drawing the Centennial Seal, selected by the general committee; Miss Dorothy K. Bastian, commercial teacher, and her senior typists; Mr. Earl Yandow, industrial arts teacher, and his printing classes; Mr. Joseph Kusko, art teacher; and the Call-Chronicle news staff.

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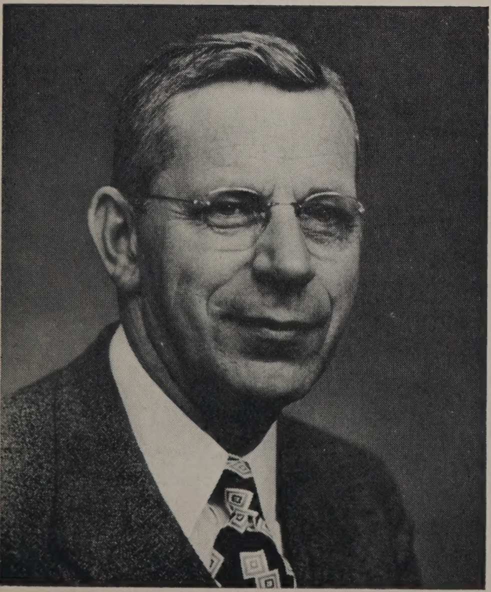

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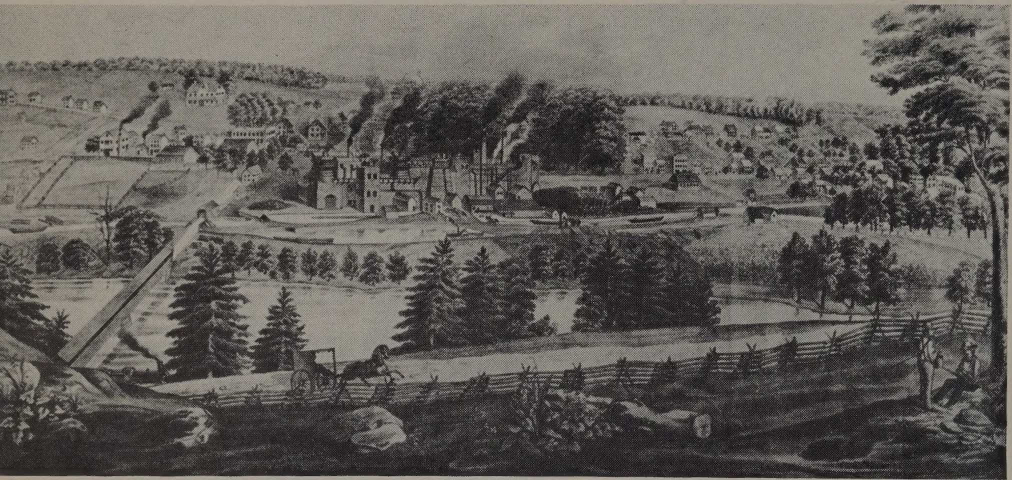

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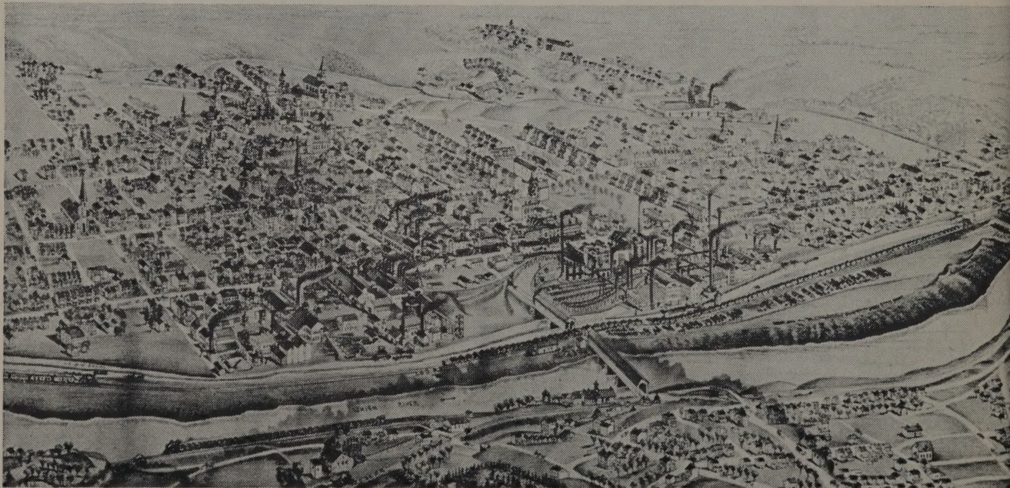

A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT—

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs,
He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.
—Bailey.

Catasauqua has achieved an enviable record throughout the century of its existence as a borough and upon the anniversary of that event we want to pay tribute to this grand old town.

From an obscure village, through those momentous days when the iron industry flourished, the loyal and dauntless spirit of our people has ever prevailed. Looking back through the years we find the same evidence of civic pride and cooperation so typical of our town today.

In a "History of Catasauqua" which was published in 1914 many facts are recorded that may be of interest to our present readers. Originally a part of Hanover Township, this village was known as Biery's Port but after the establishment of the iron works the name was changed to Craneville. The name Catasauqua is of Indian origin. In the dialect of the Lenni-Lenape tribe of Indians who inhabited this section, the name Catasauqua is said to mean "dry ground" or "sinking waters." The name was derived from that borne by the creek "Cattosoque" flowing along the eastern and southern limits.

Irish settlers were its early inhabitants but by the beginning of the nineteenth century they moved farther west and frugal and industrious Germans took their place. They found contentment here and made the land profitable.

The industrial life of Catasauqua and its consequent growth may be attributed to the glorious achievement of David Thomas who succeeded in producing pig iron with anthracite coal. In a book, "Two Centuries of Iron Making," by Richard Peters, the account of this important operation is given. David Thomas arrived from Wales to supervise the erection of a plant known as the Lehigh Crane Iron Co. As a reward for his efforts, iron was produced on July 4, 1839. This was a singular achievement and heralded as the first of its kind in America. As a result, our town was familiarly known as the Iron Borough. The iron industry flourished for many years and it was a familiar sight to see the sky lighted with the glow of that thriving industry which is now but a pleasant memory.

On April 3, 1851, application was made to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Lehigh County for the incorporation of Catasauqua as a borough. The application was approved on Feb. 1, 1853.

When the borough was incorporated the Crane Iron Works was in full blast with five furnaces in constant operation.

The same enthusiastic and aggressive spirit which animated the men of the past has asserted itself throughout the years and on many momentous occasions we have been proud citizens of a grand old town.

It might be interesting to recall a few of the "High Lights of a Century in Catasauqua."

1839—The first attempt to manufacture pig iron with anthracite coal.

1861-1865—Furnished large quotas of Civil War soldiers.

1866—First monument in the U. S. erected in honor of Civil War heroes.

1890—Thomas Alva Edison designed and supervised construction of Catasauqua's first electric light plant. The inventor designed the plant in 1889 and supervised its construction. The Edison incandescent light was used for street illumination in Catasauqua in 1890, the first time in this vicinity. Thomas A. Edison made frequent visits to Catasauqua.

1898—Spanish-American War quotas.

1909—Municipal Water Plant constructed.

1912—New High School Building.

1914—Memorable Old Home Week Celebration commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the manufacture of iron.

1917—Catasauqua Red Cross Chapter organized with 1144 members enrolled.

1917-1918 — Exceeded quotas in every drive.

1918—Unfurling of First Honor Flag Awarded to *Any Town* in America in the Third Liberty Loan.

1918—Contributed $1,180,000 in Fourth Liberty Loan and became known as the "Million Dollar Town."

1918—"Welcome Home Celebration" for soldiers, sailors and nurses.

1924—Public Library of Catasauqua organized.

1928—A marble tablet was erected and dedicated on the memorial plot adjoining the American Legion Home in honor of the men and women of the community who served our country in World War I, and in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice. The tablet was the gift of William R. Thomas, Jr. At the same time the deed to the Memorial Plot was presented to the Community by Leonard Peckitt, president of the Empire Steel & Iron Co.

1929—Completion of Gym Building.

1942—New Lincoln School completed.

1942-1945—Approximately 1200 serving in the Second World War.

1950—Hanover School District Merger.

1950-1953—Men and women serving their country in many parts of the world.

1952—North Catasauqua School Merger.

1953—Dedication of Pine Street Bridge.

1953—Centennial Celebration (June 21-27),

Catasauqua is truly proud of its heritage and is looking forward to that brighter and better day when those men and women who, at present are so nobly defending the honor of our country and striving to preserve American ideals, will be permitted to return. To our heroes of the past, we wish to express our humble gratitude and to those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" we pay a lasting tribute.

The Municipal Building familiarly known to older residents as Town Hall, has been renovated and presents an attractive appearance. Here the Council, Board of Health, Police Department, Municipal Water Company and the Phoenix Fire Co. have their quarters. Other fire companies, the Southwark Hose Co., East End, and the Charotin are comfortably housed and splendidly equipped.

Our clean and well paved streets are a credit to our borough management. Our Municipal Water Plant in its healthful surroundings affords a bountiful supply of pure water.

Our attractive recreational center, the Catasauqua Playgrounds, is a living memorial to interested citizens who conceived and carried out this wonderful project. This delightful spot is a mecca for young and old during the summer months. Its beautiful environment, its swimming pool, considered one of the finest in the state, attracts many from surrounding communities.

The Public Library of Catasauqua, conceived by a group of enterprising women interested in the cultural welfare of the community, was organized in 1924. Here one may find the best sellers, fiction and non-fiction, a variety of books for children, and essential source material. Operated through the assistance of the School District, the Councils of Catasauqua and North Catasauqua, and other agencies, it attracts many and supplies a cultural and recreational need.

Our schools, too, are anticipating greater achievements through the consolidation with our neighbors, Hanover and North Catasauqua. This cooperative step means forging ahead in the interest of our young people into whose hands we must continue to "throw the torch" for the preservation and improvement of our town.

The organization of the P.T.A. is of significant importance in promoting cooperation between the home and the school. The keen interest in the Catasauqua Alumni Association is proof of the continued interest and loyalty of our graduates.

The erection of a modern gymnasium is another progressive step. Interested in the physical fitness of youth, our people are loyal and enthusiastic supporters of our athletic activities. Our young people have, at various times, won laurels for our town and others will strive to do so.

Catasauqua may also point with pride to the Boys' Club which has definitely played an important part in molding the character of our youth. It is just another evidence of that forward look that has marked our progress. Organized by a group interested in the welfare of boys, it was incorporated in 1939 and, under capable supervision, continues to serve its notable purpose.

Our weekly newspaper, the Catasauqua Dispatch, is to be congratulated upon its long and efficient service. Its fine contributions throughout the years has helped our town to "Go Forward."

Two newly renovated institutions, the Catasauqua National Bank and the Lehigh National Bank, are capably managed and a credit to our community.

The Chamber of Commerce is keenly interested in the advancement of our borough and is making every effort to promote progress.

Our friendly neighbor, North Catasauqua, merits our attention as we celebrate our centennial. Incorporated on June 7, 1907, this well regulated borough has a population of 2,630 interested and enthusiastic citizens. A loyal and cooperative spirit prevails. Attractive homes and progressive citizens make this a desirable place to live. The recent school merger and the mutual interest in a sewerage system are evidences of a healthful spirit of unity which may lead the way to a greater community.

Plans for the installation of a sanitary sewerage system have been perfected. This is a very necessary improvement and a welcome asset to our community and the welfare of its citizens.

The recent annexation of a section of Hanover Township is a progressive move. It is significant that having been originally a part of this township we are now privileged to add a portion of it to our borough.

Capable leaders have served us in legislative and executive capacities and those presently serving may be called upon to assume added responsibilities as Catasauqua looks forward to a period of expansion and industrial development.

In many instances, through periods of war or depression, self-sacrificing individuals have been willing to meet emergencies. Distributing food, clothing and blankets, caring for physical needs, soliciting donors for the blood bank, and raising funds are but a few of the activities of unselfish men and women.

The new Pine Street Bridge offers a cordial invitation to enter our town and enjoy its traditional hospitality. This fine construction is another source of pride to both Catasauqua and Lehigh County.

The George Taylor residence constructed in 1786, for a time the home of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, stands as an historic shrine and is another reminder of our glorious past.

Yes, Catasauqua has stood the test of time and whether it be products of industry, cultural advancement, religious guidance, educational facilities, fire and police protection, gracious living, or notable accomplishments, this grand old town merits the appreciation and admiration of those who call it *home*.

We are not the "dry ground" as our name may symbolize, but a fertile spot, burning with a zeal to continue our forward march. Proud of the past and with faith in the future, may Catasauqua travel on through another century of achievement. Surrounded with friendly neighbors and happy in a wholesome and healthful environment, may we pave the way for future generations to live and prosper in Catasauqua.

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CATASAUQUA CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, INC.

Officers and Directors—Seated (left to right): Dr. H. J. S. Keim; Frank A. Leidich, co-chairman; Carl E. Kratzer, chairman; Mrs. Catherine Fatzinger, secretary; Howard V. Swartz, James Thomas. Standing (left to right): John S. Matchette, Edwin H. Koons, Thomas A. Burkholder, Daniel M. Gillespie, Reuben C. Weaver, George M. Reichard, Frank F. Martin, Job L. Vaughn, Ralph C. Brown. Absent: John J. McCartney, treasurer.

PUBLICITY AND HISTORIC COMMITTEE

Seated (left to right): Miss Madeline Niering, Miss Arlene Laubach, Miss Winifred Hammer, Ralph C. Brown, chairman; Mrs. Annie Christman, Miss Shirlene Zimmerman. Standing (left to right): Harvey A. Falk, John S. Matchette, Fred J. Walker, Reuben C. Weaver, Franklin J. Witt, Dr. H. J. S. Keim, Howard V. Swartz, Norman L. Ash, Francis H. Sheckler, Paul A. Weaver.

EDUCATING FOR CITIZENSHIP—

According to early records, the Crane Iron Company built the first school established within the boundary of Catasauqua. It was a frame structure located at Church Street and Limestone Alley. The history of the schools of Catasauqua, however, appropriately begins with the election of the first Board of School Directors in March, 1853. Six schools, public and private—five of short duration, were built between the years of 1849 and 1897. Among them was the building on Second Street at Walnut built in February, 1859.

In 1894 and 1896, the Board purchased from the Crane Iron Company lots on Howertown Road and Peach Street for the sum of $4500, and at a cost of $35,000 built the Lincoln School which was dedicated March 8, 1897.

Since the high school at that time was quartered in different buildings, the Board in 1909 decided to reconstruct and to equip the third floor of the Second Street Building for high school purposes. This afforded no relief; it merely transferred the congestion.

Two years later, increased enrollment necessitated action on the part of the Board, which resulted in the erection of the present high school building in 1911. Plans having been adopted, the contract for the erection of the building was awarded to Franklin Goldsmith and Son for $35,905. Total cost of the equipped building was approximately $55,000.

With the annexation of East Catasauqua, formerly part of Hanover Township, as the Third Ward of the Borough in October, 1909, came the accession of the Taylor Building. The Taylor Building was enlarged and remodeled in 1913 by Goldsmith and Son for $9,100. This school house was named in honor of George Taylor, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, who was an occasional resident in Catasauqua from 1767 to 1776.

Built at a cost of over $90,000, the present combined gymnasium and junior high school building was completed in 1928. Clayton Lappley of Harrisburg was the architect. The building included a gym with a seating capacity of 600 and four junior high classrooms.

LINCOLN BUILDING

On September 23, 1940, the old Lincoln Building was razed by a fire which

CLYDE S. FRANKENFIELD
Supervising Principal
Catasauqua Joint School District

LINCOLN AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS

proved to be one of the most costly blazes in the history of Catasauqua. The fire was of undetermined origin. It was significant to note that only one day of school was lost while classroom space was reallocated. Architects H. F. Everett and Associates were engaged to draw up plans for a replacement for this building on the same site. The building was completed in March, 1942 at a replacement cost of well over $100,000. It included a first and second floor passage to the High School, a library room and conference room, and seven classrooms on the first and second floors. The school board decided to dedicate the building to the memory of the great Emancipator Abraham Lincoln, whose picture hung in the hallway of the old building while the flames raged and escaped without material damage.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

At one time the children of North Catasauqua attended the township school at Dry Run. To meet the demand for greater school facilities, a one-room brick building was erected at Fourth and Arch Streets; however, the addition of three rooms in the early nineties proved to be inadequate and, in 1912, plans were drawn for a 10-room, two-story, fireproof brick building.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Elementary education was also provided in Catasauqua with the erection of two parochial schools under the sponsorship of the Catholic Church.

With the consent of the Most Reverend James F. Wood, D. D., Archbishop of Philadelphia, Pa., and at the request of Reverend Henry Badde, then pastor of Saint Mary's Church, Catasauqua, Pa., three Sisters of St. Francis, from Glen Riddle, Pa., were sent to open St. Mary's School, September, 1882, with an enrollment of 50 pupils, German and English.

The children were taught in a one-story brick building consisting of two classrooms on Union Street opposite the church.

This school was used until the present building was erected, the cornerstone of which was laid June 21, 1904. It was ready for occupancy November of the same year. Since then, hundreds of pupils have graduated from their Alma Mater following their motto, "Fides et Scientia," which is found above the entrance of the school.

ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

St. Lawrence School was built in 1905 while the Rev. Peter Quinn was pastor. In 1914 two classrooms were added to the then existing four rooms in order to accommodate the Commercial Department. This had been done by the Rev. Henry I. Conner, pastor. This department is open to Catholics and non-Catholics as well. The school was remodeled and redecorated last summer. The number of children at the present time is 165. They are taught by the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Glen Riddle, Pa.

NEW GYMNASIUM

The present gymnasium was condemned as unsafe by the State Department of Labor and Industry in 1952. Plans for a new gym have already been approved by the Department of Public Instruction. The new gym will be a one-story structure fronting on Peach Street. In addition to accommodating 1100 persons, the new building will provide storage facilities and quarters for the Music Department of the high school.

NORTH CATASAUQUA SCHOOL BUILDING

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

In 1867 a full four years' course of studies was adopted. As the needs of the community grew, the curriculum was expanded to include scientific courses, business education, art, music; and, more recently, homemaking, industrial arts, instrumental music and driver-training have been added.

The first commencement exercises were held in June 1868 for two gradu-

ST. MARY'S CONVENT AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL BUILDING

ates. The roster of the class of 1953 carried the names of 72 graduates.

Teachers' salaries in 1858 ranged from $20-$45 per month; in 1875, salaries ranged from $30-$100; the average salary in 1925, for 10-month term, was $1400; and in 1952, the median salary was $3300 for a 9-month term.

Complying with the State and County Plan of Reorganization of school districts into larger units to effect greater economy and better educational facilities, the question of the merger of Catasauqua, North Catasauqua and Hanover Township school districts was submitted to the electorate in November, 1948; however, North Catasauqua defeated the plan by a negative vote of 539-295.

In November 1950, the voters of Catasauqua Borough and Hanover Township approved the merger of their respective school districts by a 10-1 margin. This seemed a natural union. Historically, these two communities were already bound together. The Borough of Catasauqua was originally part of Hanover Township, first known as Biery's Mills. The fact is that Biery's Mills, or Biery's Port, was an active business center as far back as 1785 and a school was established there in 1800.

The merger proposal appeared on the general ballot again in 1952 and the voters of Catasauqua, North Catasauqua and Hanover Township this time agreed upon a merger, effective July 1, 1953.

November 18, 1952, Catasauqua-Hanover Union and North Catasauqua decided to function as a joint board for the remainder of the current school year, (July 1953) thus directing educational policies on a separate basis while pooling financial interests for the benefit of the taxpayers of both districts.

The officers and members of the Joint Board are: L. J. Boucher, President; John W. Fullagar, Vice President; Francis Burns, Secretary, and George M. Reichard, Treasurer; Dr. B. W. Barton, James B. Gillespie, Walter F. Peiffer, Albert J. Freed, Lavene J. Hahn, Arthur G. Dewalt, John G. Petro, Robert O. A. Wolfe, William Keenan, Wilson F. Roth.

With the addition of North Catasauqua, the district now has an enrollment of 1278 pupils — kindergarten, 115; elementary, 676; high school, 487, as compared with 35 in high school and 527 in grade school in 1868 and in 1914, high school, 115; grades, 664.

The North Catasauqua School now accommodates 8 grades, but this probably will be reduced to six in order to create a strictly elementary building while the entire junior high school will no doubt be housed in the present Lincoln Building.

The present education staff of the joint public school district includes a total of 49 members. It is interesting to note that of this number, fourteen members received their early training in the Catasauqua Schools and are graduates of Catasauqua High School. Clyde S. Frankenfield, who has served the district since 1930, is the supervising principal. Ralph C. Brown, a member of the Catasauqua High School faculty since 1928, is the present high school principal.

TAYLOR SCHOOL BUILDING

The secondary staff includes: Joseph P. Harakal, Lucille C. Hudsco, Lillian L. Huseman, Mrs. Helen T. Hudson, Gene D. Roberts, John Nevins, Robert G. Deibert, Paul A. Woodroffe, Mrs. Marie L. Andrews, Dorothy K. Bastian, Robert E. Mushrush, Mrs. Betty S. Snyder, Arlene R. Laubach, Truman D. Kunsman, Earl J. Yandow, Joseph Kusko, Mrs. Dorothy K. Burchill, Albert B. Geary, Mildred T. Lawall, Mrs. Annie E. Christman, Vernon M. Schappell, and Mrs. Louise W. Halteman.

Elementary teachers include Mrs. Emma K. Tempest, Clara E. Schleicher, Mrs. Anna R. Sheckler, Mrs. Irene E. Stettler, Mrs. Dorothy M. Albright, Mrs. Thelma W. Hlatky, Anna M. Walker, Katharine Campbell, Mrs. Ruth F. Everett, Mrs. Esther H. Yates, Mrs. Hazel Roth, Minnie I. Koenig, Ralph Shankweiler, Mrs. Hilda Shankweiler and Mrs. Nola E. Brown.

The faculty members of the North Catasauqua building, which was recently added to the district, include Agnes I. Souder, principal; Mrs. Hazel E. Hess, Mrs. Romaine Remley, Mrs. Doris Keiser, Mrs. Mary R. Burns, Dorothy E. Hammer, Ruth A. Rutman, Mrs. Louise E. Missmer, William J. Lapsansky and Mrs. Cora M. Redline.

HIGH SCHOOL COLORS

Herman Coleman was a member of the class of 1899 at Catasauqua High School. The Lincoln Building had been completed only a few years. Prior to that time the High School was located at Second and Walnut Streets. Athletics as it is now known was an unknown quantity. No one seemed to know what significance High School colors had. They knew nothing of a cheering section or organized athletic events.

However the Class of 1899 felt that something should be done about school colors and delegated Mr. Coleman to bring in suggestions. He was preparing to enter Lehigh University at the time and naturally had only "Brown and White" in mind. He proposed that "Brown and White" be the High School Colors. His proposition was unanimously adopted and Brown and White thereafter remained the colors of Catasauqua High School.

"NUGGETS"

In the annual report by county superintendent, J. O. Knauss in 1874, the following observation appeared:

"Good teachers should receive good pay; poor ones are too dear at any price."

SECOND STREET SCHOOL BUILDING

ST. LAWRENCE CONVENT AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL BUILDING

The first slate blackboard in the county was used in Catasauqua Schools in 1875. The observation then made was that it was a bit more expensive but much more satisfactory than materials hitherto used.

1874—Average salary of male teachers, $82.00; Average salary of female teachers, $29.62.

Number of male teachers, 5; Number of female teachers, 13.

In 1874, the two-room school house in Catasauqua was furnished with outline maps and patent furniture.

At the turn of the century, the teachers of Catasauqua convened bi-weekly (evening meetings) in order to study professional subjects.

Caps and gowns for commencement occasions were authorized March 1906.

Monthly report cards have been issued by the teachers of Catasauqua since 1868.

Catasauqua was a part of Hanover Township for fifty-five years.

The Catasauqua School Board resolved (February 1864) that Jacob Ross be authorized to give private lessons to all Negro children in the district of five years of age applying for instruction.

The plans for the present North Catasauqua School were drawn by Paul C. Miller, superintendent of the Bryden Horse Shoe Works.

August 4, 1873, the Catasauqua Board of School Directors resolved: "That instead of a teachers' institute in this district, the teachers shall form themselves into a class for the purpose of general improvement; that said class shall meet monthly in the high school building for exercises in reading, declamation, grammar and such other studies as may be deemed proper. Said exercises shall be open to the Board of Directors."

CATASAUQUA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY—

Catasauqua shelters nine religious groups, all of them protected by the great law of 1682, enacted by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, declaring "that every man should have the right to worship God as he saw fit."

Few communities the size of Catasauqua can boast of having 12 churches representing various denominations within its confines. In addition there is Zion Union Sunday School Chapel. Catasauqua can point with pride to its beautiful Houses of Worship.

THE CATASAUQUA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

For the purpose of creating a closer relationship among themselves and the parishes which they served, the Pastors who ministered to the spiritual needs of the people at that time, formed the Catasauqua Ministerial Association three score years ago.

The Association has been in existence ever since and through the years has been an inspiration to the men who comprised its membership, because of the cooperation and friendliness it has established in the churches of the community.

Members of the Ministerium have been cooperating in a number of community observances, including a Three-Hour Service on Good Friday, Week of Prayer, Thanksgiving and Baccalaureate services, displaying good feeling and Christian unity.

Meetings of the Ministerium are held on the first Monday of the month at which members discuss problems of concern and mutual interest to our Churches and the welfare of the community.

Present officers of the Association are: Rev. Norman W. Duzen, President; Rev. Herbert J. Sigley, Secretary-Treasurer.

EMANUEL EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

The history of Immanuel Church (as it was first named) dates back to the early 1800's when a few devoted families met and conducted religious services in the homes of Henry Enoch, Abram Yundt and other early residents of Catasauqua.

In 1848 the first church, (or meeting house as it was then called), was built on the triangle on Howertown Road below Mulberry Street, this being the second church edifice in Catasauqua.

The spirit and the members grew until the small brick structure was found inadequate to accommodate the congregation and in 1868 the present brick edifice was erected at the corner of Second and Walnut Streets at a cost of $12,000. In 1891 the denominational tragedy occurred and in 1922 the divided denomination was once again reunited under the Evangelical Church, except for a minority group.

In the spring of 1904 the present parsonage was constructed at a cost of $3000. In 1925 the church was renovated and stained glass windows were installed. It was also the birth of the Sunday School, which was a room separated from the remainder of the church auditorium. The Sunday School is divided into five major classes.

In 1946 the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren merged, forming the Emanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church. This was a historical ecumenical event in the Protestant faith.

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized on January 1, 1890, and has been the most active group in the church ever since. It assists the church in all worthy enterprises.

A choir has been functioning since April, 1904, and is at present a great asset to the church in its regular Sunday morning services.

The Young Women's Guild and the Altar Guild are comparatively new organizations in the church and are rapidly proving themselves in importance to the church.

The board of trustees supervises all property and business of the entire church.

Since the construction of the church in 1868 hard wood floors have been put in the Sunday School room; a new heating plant installed; the balcony of the church closed; the Sunday School and church redecorated; the outside of the church painted white; a social room and kitchen installed on the second floor; and the parsonage redecorated and remodeled.

The present minister is Rev. Herbert J. Sigley, a student at Albright Theological Seminary.

THE GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

The history of Grace Methodist Church dates back to 1859, when the first church was erected on Front Street, above Walnut, and dedicated on Christmas Day of that year. The Rev. C. H. Bickley was appointed as the first regular pastor in 1864. The congregation worshipped in that building until 1889, when the structure was sold to Catasauqua Lodge No. 269, I. O. O. F., and has since been used for lodge purposes.

The congregation purchased a plot of ground at Fifth and Walnut Streets. On this site the present edifice was erected, with its commodious auditorium, Sunday School rooms, church parlor and numerous class rooms. Alongside the church the congregation erected a fine brick parsonage, which has since been used by the respective pastors.

Previous to the erection of the first church building members of Grace Church held services in homes and in the school building at Second and School Streets, the use of which was granted by the School Board.

The Board of Trustees held their first meeting at the house of Joseph Reichard April 17, 1860. A charter of incorporation was granted by the Court of Lehigh Nov. 17, 1860. Grace Church was made a separate appointment by the Philadelphia Annual Conference in 1864 and has since been served by some of the leading members of Conference. The present pastor is the Rev. Howard B. Slider.

HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Motivated by a desire to have regular worship services in the English language, a number of members of St.

Paul's Lutheran Church led by such men as M. H. Horn, Thomas Frederick, C. F. Beck and Jacob S. Lawall, left the mother congregation and on January 28, 1873, formally organized this congregation, then called The English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity.

The church edifice at Third and Bridge Streets was dedicated on Sunday, May 17, 1874. Two members became prominent for their leadership of the membership, and their personal devotion to spiritual. Oliver Williams and M. H. Horn led the congregation into a full and effective church program for local and missionary interests.

As a fitting expression of gratitude and as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Williams, the beautiful church edifice at its present location, Fourth and Pine Streets, was dedicated September 12, 1926. The church and the parish hall, of country style Gothic architecture, were donations of Mrs. Jessica Holton, Mrs. Winifred Emanuel and Mrs. Grace Harding. At the same time the congregation assumed responsibility for the beautiful three-manual pipe organ presently located in the church.

This year the congregation has set aside Reformation Sunday as the Day to celebrate its eightieth year of organization. The Anniversary Committee, selected by the pastor, Rev. John V. Peters, will make arrangements to conduct a special service of worship, to hold an anniversary banquet and to prepare a short history of the congregation to be distributed to its members.

Many members of the Anniversary Committee privileged to direct are close in relationship to those of earlier years who gave much of time and talent in the Service of Christ's Kingdom.

Members of this year's Anniversary Committee include: Mrs. C. D. W. Bower, Mrs. Grace Johnson, Miss Grace Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Miller, Sr., Robert E. Ritter, Ralph C. Boyer, Daniel Christ and H. Morley Holton.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CATASAUQUA

The first regularly organized congregation in the settlement, which later became known as Catasauqua, was the First Presbyterian Church, which was established when the Crane Iron Works began operations in 1839, and David Thomas is regarded as its founder. The records of the late Rev. Cornelius Earle, D. D., who served the pastorate for 48 years, show that Mr. Thomas was ordained as an elder in 1840.

The first church, a wooden structure, was erected by the congregation on Church Street, near Howertown Road. The cornerstone was laid on the last Sunday in 1839. The building was used for services until 1856, when the congregation moved to their new church building at Second and Pine Streets, erected on a plot of ground donated by Mr. Thomas.

To commemorate the reunion of the Old and New School Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, a memorial chapel was built in the rear of the church. The cornerstone was laid May 13, 1871, and the building dedicated Dec. 10, 1871.

In 1937 the two Presbyterian Churches—the Bridge Street and First Presbyterian — merged and became the

Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua. The property of the former Bridge Street Presbyterian Church was sold and since that time services have been held in what was formerly the First Presbyterian Church.

In 1939 the Presbyterians of the community celebrated 100 years of Presbyterianism in Catasauqua.

The chime of 11 bells was given to the church by Ella B. Thomas, H. Dale Thomas and Ruth Thomas Gillette to the Glory of God and in memory of the husband and father, Edwin Thomas. The service of dedication took place Sunday evening, May 10, 1925.

The present pastor, the Rev. Gorman Roof, was installed Dec. 12, 1940, and has since ministered to the needs of the congregation.

In 1952 the church organ was rebuilt and electrified and the congregation undertook a program for the renovation of the church and chapel. In 1953 the Woman's Association was formed, replacing the various women's organizations.

ST. ANDREW'S SLOVAK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feeling the need for a church in which services could be conducted in their native tongue, a group of Slovaks of the Roman Catholic faith presented a petition to the Rt. Rev. A. Monsignor William Heiner, of East Mauch Chunk, for assistance in the establishment of a church in this locality. A piece of ground located at Third and Cypress Streets was purchased and preparations made for the construction of a church.

The new edifice under the name of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Slovak Church, was started in the Fall of 1902. In the meantime services were held in the John Small building, formerly used as a school house.

The church was completed and dedicated in November, 1903, with impressive ceremonies. The first rector of St. Andrew's Church was Rev. Paul J. Lisicky, who served from 1905 to 1912. During his pastorate the rectory adjoining the church on Third Street was erected at a cost of $8000.

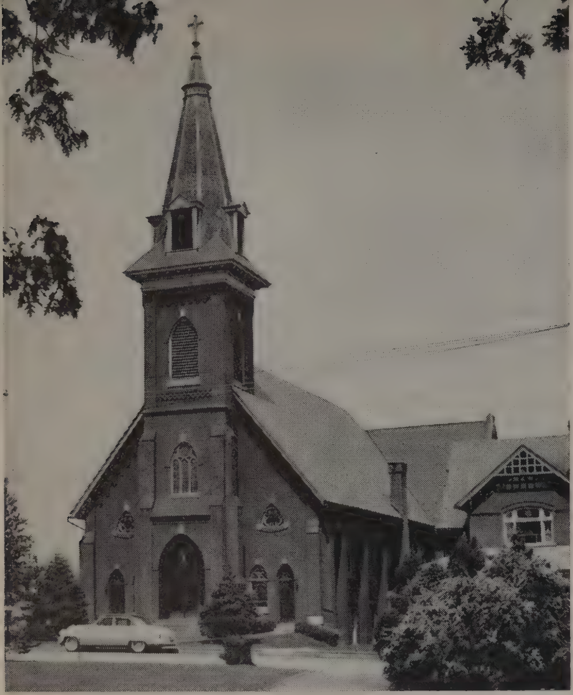
The congregation comprises Slovak Catholic people living in Catasauqua, North Catasauqua and surrounding communities. The present pastor is the Rev. Frederick Gasparovic.

For the purpose of promising sociability among members of the parish the Slovak Center was organized several years ago. A club house was constructed at Fifth and Grove Streets, which is the scene of numerous social functions. There is an aggressive ladies' auxiliary.

The Parish also sponsors an American Slovak Citizens' Club, the purpose of which is to foster good citizenship.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

During the coming year the 60th anniversary of the establishment of St. John's United Evangelical Church will be observed. At the call of the pastor, the Rev. D. S. Stauffer, a meeting was held Oct. 4, 1894, for the purpose of organizing a congregation. Albert E. Brown, who is still affiliated with the congregation, was elected chairman, and James Missmer secretary. After



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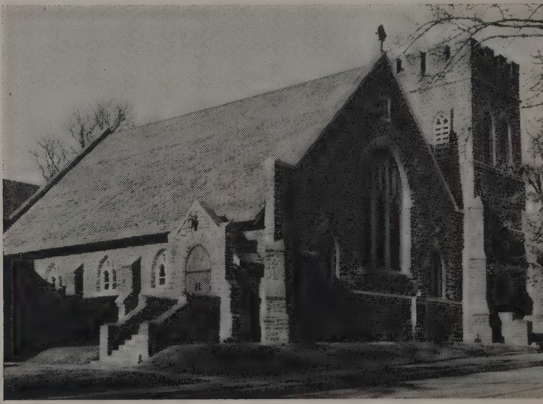

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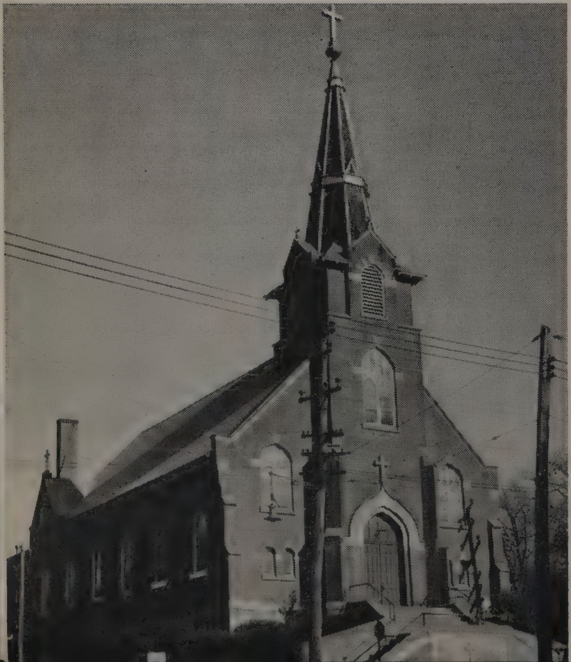

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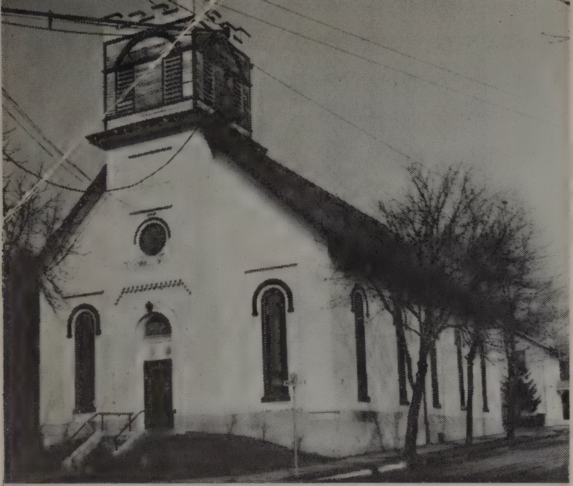

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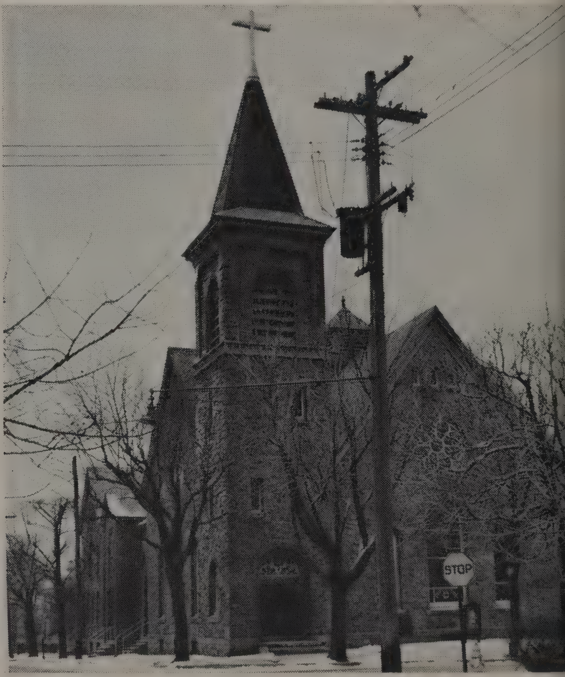

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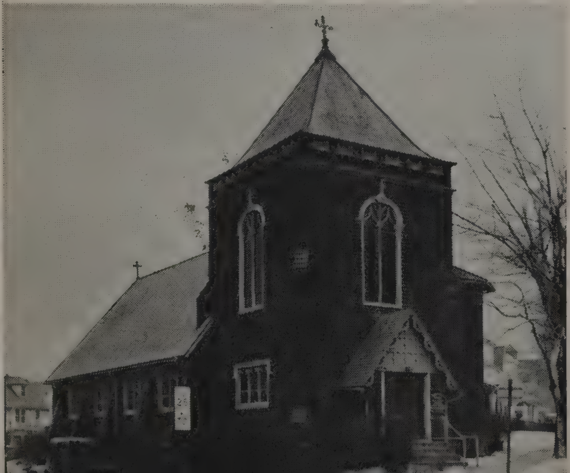

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some discussion a congregation was organized.

A meeting to consider the advisability of erecting a church was held Oct. 30, of that year, and a resolution favoring a new building was adopted. The cornerstone was laid Dec. 2, 1894, and the building completed and furnished for consecration March 24, 1895.

The East Pennsylvania Conference, of which St. John's Church is a part, held its annual session in 1927 under its old name "The United Evangelical Church." Its annual session in 1928 was held under the newly-adopted name: "Evangelical Congregational Church."

In recent years the debt of St. John's Church was paid. The church was redecorated, new carpet laid and extensive alterations made at the church parsonage.

The membership of the church and of the Sunday School has been increased during the past two years. The present pastor is the Rev. C. H. Mengel.

ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

History records that St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church was founded in January, 1858, when the congregation decided to build a House of Worship. The first rector was Rev. L. J. Miller.

Prior to that time the English speaking Catholics of Catasauqua and vicinity met in the home of Bartholomew Murtaugh and Edward Crampsey for worship. Father Reardon of Easton ministered to their spirtual needs by celebrating Mass in the homes.

Under the supervision of Rev. Lawrence Brennan a commodious church edifice was erected and subsequently consecrated for divine worship. The first resident pastor was Father Miller, who was succeeded by the Rev. Edward McKee in 1862.

During the pastorate of Father McKee, who served the church for 21 years, land adjoining the church was bought and solemnly consecrated for a cemetery.

The Parochial School building and Convent, a perpetual monument to the loyalty and devotion of members of the church, were built during the pastorate of Rev. Peter A. Quinn, who was stationed at St. Lawrence Church from 1896 until 1907, when Rev. Henry I. Connor was appointed by the Most Rev. P. J. Ryan, Archbishop. Under his administration the church prospered.

In 1952 the interior of the Parochial School was renovated at a cost of $8000. Two new furnaces were purchased, a new automatic gas heater was installed by parishioners and the interior painted and modern facilities for boys and girls attending the school installed. An addition to the school was added in 1914 by Father Connor.

The present rector is Rev. M. E. Munley, whose efforts are greatly appreciated by his parishioners. Under his direction the interior of the church was redecorated and other improvements undertaken. In 1952 a Parish School Association was formed by members of the church.

ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Parish of the Annunciation, B.V. M., better known as St. Mary's, was founded Sept. 9, 1857, by the Ven. Bishop Neumann of Philadelphia. As early as 1847 Jesuit missionaries travelling through the Lehigh Valley ministered to the spiritual need of the German speaking Catholics in Catasauqua. But from 1852 on, Mass was celebrated at regular intervals in the home of the George Schneider family on Church Street until the first church, a small frame building was erected at the corner of Second and Union Streets in 1857.

St. Mary's can rightly be called the mother church of the many foreign speaking Catholics who inhabited a vast area of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, north and west of Allentown. Many of the original families of the now flourishing parishes in Coplay, Stiles, Northampton, Egypt, Fullerton and Fogelsville worshipped at St. Mary's, Catasauqua. At first the parish was attended by the rector of St. Joseph's, Easton. Then it became a Mission of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Allentown, before the founding of the Sacred Heart Parish in 1869.

Finally it was attached to the Holy Ghost Parish, Bethlehem, from which place the Rev. J. H. Badde was transferred in 1884 to become the first resident Pastor of St. Mary's. Father Badde built the first brick church and later in 1882 established a parochial school. The Sisters of St. Francis of Glen Riddle were given the direction of the two-room school and have continued as teachers until the present day.

In 1889, the Rev. John Seimetz was appointed rector of St. Mary's, by the Most Rev. P. J. Ryan, D. D., Archbishop of Philadelphia. Father Seimetz served the parish faithfully for 44 years and to his wise administration can be credited the erection of the complete parish plant as it now stands. The tide of immigration at the turn of the century brought many German speaking Catholics to this region, so that the membership of St. Mary's was greatly increased. This made the providing of more spacious facilities a necessity. First, the church was enlarged and modernized, than a rectory was erected as a permanent home for the pastor and a place of meeting for the parishioners.

Soon the two room school building became inadequate and two more classrooms were added. To provide a home for the increased teaching staff a brick Sisters' Convent was built in 1899 on the Southwest corner of Second and Union Streets. In May, 1904, a new modern school building to replace the original structure was begun to accommodate the greatly increased enrollment. The new school of three stories which provided eight classrooms, an auditorium and two extra rooms to be used later for a two year commercial course, was one of the finest in its day and served as a model for many others in the region.

The beautiful brick structure that now serves as the parish church of St. Mary's, much larger than the one it replaced, was begun towards the end of 1927 and at its completion was dedicated Dec. 16, 1928, by the late Cardinal D. J. Dougherty, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Many of the families of St. Mary's lived in and about Coplay. For their convenience the Mission of St. John the Baptist, Stiles, was established by

Father Seimetz and a chapel and school built in 1920. In 1927 this Mission became an independent parish and together with the new parish of St. Peter's, in Coplay, reduced the membership of St. Mary's by about half.

On Dec. 18, 1934, Father Seimetz was called to his eternal reward after a long fruitful life dedicated almost entirely in the service of the parish of St. Mary's.

The Rev. John Fries, now rector of St. Joseph's, Easton, was appointed to St. Mary's in January, 1934, and served the parish for 13 years. The present rector, the Rev. William A. Koenig, was transferred from St. Henry's Church, Philadelphia, April 16, 1947. He is a native of Philadelphia and was well known in the Lehigh Valley before coming to Catasauqua. Ordained May 21, 1932, Father Koenig served as assistant in the Sacred Heart Parish, Allentown, and subsequently in St. Joseph's, Easton, before his transfer to St. Henry's.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The history of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, one of the largest urban congregations in the Allentown Conference, dates back to the winter of 1851-52, when occasional services were held in the Presbyterian Church. At the time, the Lutherans, as well as the Reformed, found themselves too weak numerically to each have their own church, so they decided to erect a Union Church.

The laying of the cernerstone took place June 4, 1852, and the dedication on Christmas of the same year. The first pastor of St. Paul's Church was the Rev. Jeremiah Schindel. The church continued to be used as a union church until 1868, when the Lutheran congregation bought out the interest of the Reformed congregation.

In 1887 the old church building was torn down and a much larger structure erected in its place. At a congregational meeting held Jan. 1, 1909, a resolution was adopted to erect a large addition to the church to provide larger quarters for the congregation and Sunday School. Consecration services were held July 17, 1910. The present parsonage was erected in 1891 during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph W. Mayne.

The need for a parish house had long been recognized by the congregation. On June 8, 1951, a special meeting was held, at which the Pastor announced that James W. Fuller had offered his property at Howertown Road and Bridge Street, directly opposite the church, to the congregation as a gift. The offer was accepted at a special congregational meeting held June 26. The building will be used for Sunday School and other purposes.

Three pastors served St. Paul's Church for a period of 82 years. Rev. J. D. Schindel, D. D., was pastor from 1867 to 1888. The Rev. James F. Lambert, D. D., ministered to the congregation from the spring of 1892 until May 24, 1944, when he regretfully presented his resignation to the congregation on the 52nd anniversary of his election as pastor. He was unanimously elected Pastor Emeritus by the congregation as a tribute to his long and faithful ministry.

The Rev. Philip C. Miller was installed as pastor of St. Paul's Church on Sunday, Nov. 12, 1944. Under his direction notable changes have been made and the congregation has shown a steady growth.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

It was in 1870 when an interest in Catasauqua as a future field for work was begun by people of the Episcopal faith. At that time the Rev. Mr. Bartlet from Allentown conducted services in the old school house on Willow Street. Later services were conducted in the Lehigh Valley Railroad station and in the P. O. S. of A. building, Bridge Street.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Green the initial steps were taken toward the construction of a church building. The lot at Howertown Road and Walnut Street, upon which the church stands, was the generous gift of Leonard Peckitt, who served as senior warden for over a half century.

The corner stone was laid Oct. 28, 1900, by the Rev. Dr. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem. The church opened for the first service on Easter Day, 1901, and the dedication was conducted by Bishop Talbot Sunday, May 21, 1905. The church is modeled after the most ancient of British Churches, St. Martin's, situated just outside the walls of Canterbury.

The church became self-sustaining in 1952. The Rev. W. F. Colclough began his ministrations at St. Stephen's Church Jan. 1, 1921, and served the parish dutifully and faithfully for 26 years, when he retired. In 1922 the congregation purchased the rectory at Sixth and Walnut Streets.

SALEM EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

In 1848 there were just a few members of the Reformed faith who lived near the lower lock along the canal. By 1852 there were enough to organize a Reformed congregation and together with the Lutheran folk living in this community they erected a church. This Union Church continued until 1868 when the Reformed congregation sold their interest to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The present Sanctuary of Worship was built in 1868-69 on a lot situated at the southeast corner of Third and Walnut Streets, which was donated by Joseph Laubach. This plot was then located at the extreme northern edge of the community.

The cornerstone was laid in April, 1869, and the building formally dedicated in the Fall of the same year, under the title of the First Reformed Church of Catasauqua. In 1880 a reorganization was affected and the name of Salem Reformed Church was adopted. Several years ago the title was changed to Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church following a merger with the Evangelical denomination.

In January, 1888, the congregation decided to repair the church and to build a wing to be used for Sunday School purposes. Increased enrollment created a need for larger quarters for the school and an addition was erected in 1902.

Time and the population march on, and once again the structure which was once thought to be adequate for the future growth of Salem Church was again inadequate. With the aftermath of World War II, the enrollment of the Sunday School increased tremendously and the renovation of the building again became a necessity.

At a meeting of the congregation Feb. 26, 1950, the Consistory's recommendations for improvements at a cost of $25,000 were approved. The renovated building was dedicated on Sept. 18, 1950.

Eleven men of Salem Church have entered the full ministry of the church and another is now preparing for the ministry. The present pastor is the Rev. Norman W. Duzen.

HOLY TRINITY RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church was organized in 1899. The Holy Vessels used during the services were presented to the church by Russia. Those who comprise the church membership are descendants of the Carpatho-Russian people emanating from Austro-Hungary.

The first priest to celebrate Divine Liturgy was the Rev. Alexis Toth, followed by the Rev. Myrin Volkay. Through the untiring efforts of the Rev. Alexander Nemelovsky, the church was saved from public sale. Rev. John Olshevsky and Rev. Basil Blonsky worked diligently while serving the congregation.

Rev. Theodore Chepeleff served the parish before the appointment of the present pastor, the Very Rev. George Senofsky. He has ministered to the congregation since 1920. The parish has grown and extensive reparations took place during these years. Recently the interior of the church was redecorated.

The organizations of the church are: Ladies' Aid Society, Choir Club, St. Mary's Russian Women's Society, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Brotherhood.

The choir boasts of its members, including the youth membership. They sing the services in the language of the forebears as well as English.

The son of the church who turned to the priesthood is the son of the pastor, Rev. Alexander Senofsky. He graduated from Muhlenberg College and St. Vladimir's Seminary of New York City. Since 1915 Rev. Alexander served St. Mary's Church in Minneapolis. He was its head pastor and Dean of the Midwest. As the first Eastern Orthodox chaplain, he now serves the United States Navy at the Naval base in Bainbridge, Md.

ZION UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL

Members of Zion Union Sunday School may point with pride at what has been accomplished. The school was originally organized April 2, 1871, with Frank Snyder as superintendent.

In the Spring of 1888 a plot of ground was purchased from Daniel Davis and a chapel built. The dedication took place May 26, 1889.

Rev. James F. Lambert, D. D., and Rev. Wilson F. More were speakers at the 25th anniversary exercises held on April 26, 1896. Special exercises marked the 50th anniversary on Sept. 25, 1938. The anniversary address was given by Attorney Henry V. Scheirer. Through the efforts of Samuel Dilcher a bell was placed in the chapel tower.

Saturday, March 21, 1931, the Sunday School suffered a severe blow, when the chapel was destroyed by fire. At the time the building was free from debt. Members of the school determined to rebuild the chapel and from the ruins rose a larger and better school.

Since the chapel was built Chester E. Frantz, George O. Hauser, Charles Heckman and Alfred E. Deily have served as superintendent.

ZION'S UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL

Robert H. Steinmetz has been treasurer since 1917 and prior to that time was Sunday School organist. His father, Frank Steinmetz, was affiliated with the school for upwards of 75 years.

Clarence Wertman has been president of the school for many years. The oldest members are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Roth.

OUR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS—

THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF CATASAUQUA

The Exchange Club of Catasauqua received its charter from the national organization in 1946, as a result of the efforts of a few civic minded men who saw the need for an active service group in Catasauqua.

Some years prior to this, the original Exchange Club of Catasauqua had disbanded after having performed many noteworthy achievements, outstanding of which was the purchase of instruments and fostering the formation of the first High School Band.

Believing another Exchange Club could contribute much toward the advancement of the community, this group of men with the aid of the national organization and under the guidance of a sponsoring committee from the Northampton Exchange Club formed the present club.

Upon receiving its charter on Sept. 10, 1946, the club immediately set upon the development of a youth program which has been expanded continuously through the years. It has honored outstanding citizens of the town, generously supported all welfare agencies, and has taken an active part in many community projects.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Jan. 1, 1936, saw not only the beginning of a new year, but also the beginning of a new organization in North Catasauqua. This organization was formed among the men of the community who unselfishly served their country on foreign soil during times of national peril.

The organization meeting was held at the Charotin hall, North Catasauqua, where District Officials of the organization obligated the officers and members, who were to identify themselves as the Pvt. Joseph F. Kennedy Post, No. 3425, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The post was named after the first man from Catasauqua killed in action in World War I.

At this time plans were made for the organization of the Ladies' Auxiliary, which contributed immeasurably to the success of Kennedy Post.

Regular meetings were held at the George Hodes establishment on Eugene Street, until April of 1936, when the present building at 1031 Howertown Road was rented. On Oct. 5, 1942, final plans to purchase the building were completed; and in 1946, because of the need for more adequate quarters to accommodate the rapidly growing membership, the building was remodeled and redecorated.

Throughout the years of its existence, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has assisted in many activities of the community both civic and social. And, as they are pledged to honor the dead by helping the living, they are proud to have participated in the establishment of the North Catasauqua War Memorial Park and Playground.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is also dedicated to service to the dis-

CATASAUQUA JOINT SCHOOL BOARD

Seated (left to right): John W. Fullagar, vice president; Francis P. Burns, secretary; L. J. Boucher, president; B. W. Barton, George M. Reichard, treasurer. Standing (left to right): Wilson Roth, Laverne J. Hahn, Walter F. Peiffer, William Keenan, Albert J. Freed, James B. Gillespie, Robert O. Wolfe. Missing: Arthur Dewalt, John G. Petro.

CATASAUQUA SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Seated (left to right): Victor D. Peiffer, secretary; Dr. Ralph J. Minner, chairman; Thomas E. Weaver, solicitor; John S. Matchette, vice chairman. Standing (left to right): C. Thomas Fuller, treasurer; and Harvey L. Heist.

abled veterans, and to the widows and orphans of those who have died. The very basic objective to the Veterans of Foreign Wars has always been inspired by Abraham Lincoln's noble ideal that aims "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphans."

LADIES' AUXILIARY, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Pvt. Joseph F. Kennedy Post No. 3425, Veterans of Foreigns Wars, 1031 Howertown Road, was organized April 16, 1936, with a charter membership of 100. The present membership is sixty, and the Gold Star Mothers is seven.

The auxiliary helps needy Veterans and their families, the schools and homes in Eaton Rapids, Mich., which is a place for widows and orphans of deceased veterans, and the veterans in the hospitals in Allentown, Coatesville and Valley Forge.

The present officers of the Auxiliary are: Mrs. Mary Hunsberger, President; Mrs. Alma Scheirer, Secretary; Mrs. Robert Reppert, Treasurer.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, SOUTHWARK HOSE CO.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Southwark Hose Co. was organized in November, 1936.

The first officers were: President, Mrs. Jennie Paul; vice president, Mrs. Mayme BenVenuti; secretary, Mrs. Elsie McCallister; treasurer, Mrs. Amanda Tolan; chaplain, Mrs. Rachel Manley.

Through the years, the social room of the fire hall has been a hive of activity for these ladies.

The auxiliary contributes to various charitable organizations, such as the American Red Cross, Lehigh County Crippled Children's Society, Cancer Fund, Red Feather Campaign, March of Dimes. Local donations include: the Annual Hallowe'en Parade, Christmas Lighting, Children's Christmas Party and various other campaigns which take place from time to time.

The women have their own social affairs for entertainment of the members who cooperate in every way to make the Auxiliary a successful organization.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CATASAUQUA

The Public Library of Catasauqua was established in 1924. The nucleus of this cultural and recreational institution was a number of books donated by interested citizens and prepared for circulation by members of the Woman's Club of Catasauqua. Instructed by state authorities in the process of operating a library, volunteer librarians served in the Stine Building on Church Street, where the library was first located.

Later the building at the corner of Third and Bridge Streets was purchased and the library was located in the basement while the Woman's Club rented the main floor. Fifteen members constitute the Board of Directors who are elected for a term of five years. Throughout its existence the Library has grown and now has approximately twelve thousand volumes including reference material, fiction, non-fiction and books for juveniles. The best sellers are available and the compilation of material compares most favorably with libraries in larger communities.

The Library circulation for 1952 was 15,203 serving 196 new patrons. Borrowers continue to increase and at present total about one third of Catasauqua's population.

The Library is financed by the Borough Councils of Catasauqua and North Catasauqua, the Catasauqua Joint School District, Red Feather, Trexler Memorial Fund and rentals from the Woman's Club. Fines and rentals contribute toward the purchase of new books.

During recent years a number of memorial books have been presented to the Library and many books have been donated.

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MOTHERS OF WORLD WAR II

Unit 7, Mothers of World War II, was organized Dec. 7, 1943, by Mrs. Priscilla Peiffer of Allentown. The unit charter contains 100 names. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Legion Home.

The first president of the Unit, Mrs. Alice Lynch, attained the office of State President of War Mothers during the year 1948-49. In 1951 the Unit was host for the State Convention at the Hotel Traylor, Allentown.

Each year the state officers have a project and each Unit donates to the cause. These projects recently included: Donation of a wheel chair bus to Valley Forge Hospital, which was later sold and the money used for the purchase of a hospital bed and wheel chair to be used in the community; purchase of Christmas lights and decorations for Lebanon Hospital; provision for a picnic ground for Veterans at Lebanon Hospital; entertaining of 100 mental patients at Lebanon Hospital; installation of pianos, radios, and televisions at three Veteran Hospitals.

Local projects include donations to Lebanon, Valley Forge, Coatesville Hospitals, Scotland School, and holiday donations to needy veterans' families in this community and to sons and daughters in the service. The group also donates to the Cancer Fund, Red Cross, Red Feather, March of Dimes and various other community projects.

Past presidents are: Mrs. Alice Lynch, Mrs. Pearl Leggett, Mrs. Margaret Zellers, Mrs. Ethel Dougherty, and Mrs. Jennie Paul. Mrs. Alice Storch is president at the present time.

SOUTHWARK HOSE CO., No. 9

The Crane Iron Company purchased their steamer from the Southwark Hose Co., No. 9, located at Third and Lombard Streets, Philadelphia. This was a first class engine with a rotary style pump. The Philadelphia company requested that the name Southwark and No. 9 be continued with the engine.

The Southwark Hose Co. was therefore organized Feb. 4, 1873, in Foy's Hall with John Williams as chairman, David T. Williams as secretary pro tem. All the charter members of the Southwarks were employees of the Crane Iron Co. The initial officers were: President, Charles W. Chapman; Vice President, Joseph Hunt; Secretary, David T. Williams; Treasurer, Robert E. Williams.

The Southwark Hose Co. of Philadelphia, presented its namesake at Catasauqua with all the books, seal, charter, hats, and belts owned by them. The books show that the Southwark of Philadelphia was organized May 6, 1806.

The original house of the company was the Crane pattern house at Front and Wood Streets. Not being desirable to continue housing the company in their pattern house, the Crane Co. built a two story fire engine house for the Southwark Co. on the corner of Second and Church Streets, the same being in use at the present time.

For a number of years the Crane Co. aided the Southwark Hose Co. to the amount of $10 per month until April 15, 1895, when the latter became part of the Catasauqua Fire Department.

The Southwark Hose Co. purchased from the Silsby Fire Engine Co., June 6, 1890, the engine in use until 1924.

Sensing the desire of the community for a more up-to-date fire equipment the Southwark Hose Co. started a campaign to raise funds for a motor driven apparatus. In 1923 they canvassed the borough and through the generosity of the community, raised about $10,500 with which they purchased a Mack combination fire engine. After thorough tests were made they turned same over to the borough. At about this time they purchased the fire engine house from the Crane Iron Co. and after extensive improvements placed the new apparatus in the building.

The first drivers of the new fire engine were John Peters and Leslie Tolan. This truck gave good service from 1924 to 1950 when the borough bought a new International Maxim truck, which is in service at the present time.

The Southwark Hose Co. has been civic minded and has helped to do everything for the betterment of the borough.

The present officers are: President, John W. Keys, who succeeded William Tait, who died in office; Vice President, Daniel M. Gillespie; Treasurer, John McGrath; Recording Secretary, William Petrie; Financial Secretary, John Peters. The present drivers are Steven Todd and Joseph Malozzi. The membership now is well over 800.

THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF CATASAUQUA

The Junior Woman's Club of Catasauqua, federated 1930, was the successor of a club for high school girls organized by Miss Miriam Dunkel in 1925. Meetings were held in the old post office building with the following as initial officers: Eleanor Bower, Anna Rutman, Blodwyn Powell and Hazel Frantz. Mrs. Cecil S. Hine and Mrs. Annie E. Christman were the first Counsellors.

Membership in the Junior Woman's Club is open to young women between the ages of 18 and 35. The object of the club is to promote intellectual and charitable trends, and to provide social interests for the younger women of Catasauqua.

Stated meetings of the club are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Public Library building.

As a civic organization the Junior Woman's Club has interested itself in contributing to all charities, assisting in the sponsored projects of the Lehigh County Federation of Women's Clubs, and aiding all community drives.

The present membership is 129, with the following serving as officers: Mrs. Herbert W. Gillespie, Jr., President; Mrs. Harold Wolf, First Vice President; Mrs. Kenneth Kline, Second Vice President; Mrs. Henry Gerhard, Recording Secretary; Miriam McCallister, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. George Bartlett, Treasurer.

CATASAUQUA BOYS' CLUB

The Catasauqua Boys' Club was organized in 1936 by a committee of members of the Catasauqua Rotary Club. In the beginning it was necessary to conduct the activities in whatever empty small house was available, one of these places being the downstairs of the old Stine building on Church Street. With their eyes on the future, the Rotary Committee, along with other interested persons, started to look for a larger permanent building for their growing program for the youth of the town.

CATASAUQUA BOYS' CLUB HEADQUARTERS

A special drive for funds was made early in 1939 to purchase the present building from the Crane Iron Works. It is a three-story brick building 30 feet wide by 50 feet in length. The third floor was made into a gymnasium, the second floor into a game room, and the first floor contains a game room, showers, lavatory and heating plant.

With this large building as headquarters the club became incorporated Jan. 26, 1939, and became a member of the Boys' Clubs of America, Inc.

During the past 14 years many improvements have been made through the untiring efforts of the Board of Directors. The rafters were moved on the third floor and the floor area was sanded and painted. The second floor was divided into a game room, television room and an equipment storage room. The first floor was cemented; the heating system moved to the rear of the room; showers and a lavatory were installed; dangerous supports were removed from the play area and beams placed to add support to the floor areas; a new entrance was added on the Front Street side of the building; and a vestibule and supervisor's office were built in the corner of the room. The entire interior of the building was painted and new ceilings put in on the first and second floors. The entire exterior was stone-coated and painted, adding greatly to the beauty of the building.

The Boys' Club receives financial aid from the Lehigh County Community Chest, "Red Feather Chest", and local donations.

Supervision of the club is maintained by an elected Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor and one instructor.

When the club was organized it was the main objective of the organizers to "produce better men from better boys." A marked decline in juvenile delinquency in Catasauqua has certainly proved the worth of such a fine project started by the Rotary Club of Catasauqua.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF CATASAUQUA

In the spring of 1921 a group of women met to organize a Woman's Club of Catasauqua, the object being to arouse and maintain interest in all things pertaining to civic, education and social betterment.

Meetings were held in the P. O. S. of A. building from the date of organization until March of 1925, at which time permanent quarters were established in the Library building.

In 1923, the Woman's Club sponsored formation of a public library and assisted in many ways in soliciting funds, buying books, and arranging shelves.

The club became affiliated with the State Federation in 1921 and with the Lehigh County Federation in 1938; and was instrumental in organizing the Slatington and Emmaus Woman's Clubs. Membership in the Club is open to anyone over 35 years of age; total membership at present being 187.

During World War II members did outstanding work in the sale of U. S. War Bonds—sales totaling $119,000, and furnished two rooms at Indiantown Gap Convalescent Hospital for wounded servicemen.

The club has taken an active part in community projects and during the past two years organized the Woman's Club on the March for Polio. Contributions are made annually to all organized charities.

The present officers are: Miss Winifred I. Hammer, President; Miss Blodwyn Powell, First Vice President; Mrs. Hale A. Guss, Second Vice President; Miss Ella Reilly, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Katherine Reinert, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Elizabeth McNabb, Treasurer.

CATASAUQUA POST, No. 215, AMERICAN LEGION

Soldiers and sailors of Catasauqua, who saw service during World War I, met in the Catasauqua High School, July 7, 1919, for the purpose of organizing a local American Legion Post. Lt. Russell F. Moyer was made temporary chairman.

At a meeting held in the Charotin hall, Bridge Street, Sept. 5, with Chairman Moyer presiding, officers for the local post were elected. Mr. Moyer refused the honor of being elected the first commander, so as a reward for his efforts and good work in forming the organization he was made permanent organizer.

The tabulation of the votes cast showed the following officers elected: Commander, Dr. Harry L. Baker; vice commander, Atty. Clinton T. Snyder; adjutant, J. Russell Moat; finance officer, Earl M. Young. The comrades in the new organization wishing in this way to honor the town which had made a splendid record in all war activities, selected Catasauqua Post, No. 215, American Legion, as the title of the new organization.

Charter members were: John L. Bartholomew, Alfred Brenner, Harry W. Butz, George M. Drew, Edgar Dyer, Paul Emanuel, John A. Geiger, Harold L. Gillespie, Leland P. Grow, Thomas J. Harteg, Raymond H. Kurtz, J. Russell Moat, Russell F. Moyer, Leonard F. Marks, Russell Miller, David Tolan, Earl M. Young, Frank J. Yellis. A majority of these have since answered the final roll call.

The Legion memorial home was erected during the incumbency of John A. Geiger in 1924. Since that time the home has been the scene of hundreds of public and private functions, dinners, etc.

After serving the Post as adjutant and service officer for a quarter century, Thomas D. Warke asked to be relieved of his duties. As a mark of esteem and in recognition of a quarter century of faithful service he was elected a life member of the Post and presented with a golden membership card.

From time to time alterations and improvements have been made to the home. In November, 1928, a beautiful World War memorial tablet was unveiled on the memorial plot adjoining the Legion Home.

EAST END HOSE & CHEMICAL CO., No. 1

By notices publicly posted, a meeting was called at the Fairmont Hotel June 7, 1911, to organize a fire company in the Third Ward. June 21, 1911, the East End Hose and Chemical Co. was formed. The first officers elected were Chester Frantz, President; Robert Bush, Vice President; Harry Goldsmith, Recording Secretary; William Johnson, Financial Secretary; Franklin R. A. Goldsmith, Jr., Treasurer. Meetings were held in the old schoolhouse. A hose cart was purchased Oct. 6, 1911.

March 4th, 1912, the company was incorporated. Ice cream festivals, card parties, suppers and smokers were means of raising funds to meet current expenses. Because of increased membership and public activity, it was decided on May 1st, 1913, to build the present building on a lot purchased from Dr. H. H. Riegel. At a special meeting on April 3rd, 1916, the company decided to join the Borough Fire Department.

The first motorized apparatus, a Graham, was purchased Nov. 30, 1925. This served the community well until July, 1944. A new and modern Mack fire truck was then purchased by the Borough Council.

The members are actively engaged in volunteer fire fighting and are very civic minded. They decided to purchase the property back from the borough June 20, 1946. In recent years, members have taken instructions on fundamentals of fighting fires and advanced fire hazards.

With the help of the Ladies' Auxiliary, the hall has been renovated and a modern lighting system installed. In 1952 a modern oil heating plant replaced the old one.

The present officers are the following: Wilbur Wehr, President; Thomas Hoch, Vice President; Joseph Gillette, Recording Secretary; Owen Herman, Financial Secretary; Robert Schlicher, Treasurer.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, EAST END FIRE CO.

In 1936 a need for an auxiliary for East Catasauqua became evident. Clyde Steinmetz, who was then president of the East End Fire Co. appointed Mrs. Lewis Walker to form an auxiliary. Mrs. Ellen Deily of the West Catasauqua Auxiliary was invited to help organize and install officers. The aim of the auxiliary was to aid the fire company in any functions and to conduct social gatherings. Christmas parties and Easter egg hunts were held for the children.

Money was raised through merchandise clubs, bake sales, minstrels, card parties, suppers, and various other means.

During World War II $2500 worth of defense stamps were sold. The auxiliary paid for a sun porch for disabled soldiers at Indiantown Gap. Ninety-two afghans were made for these servicemen. Money, gifts, and cards were sent to Valley Forge Hospital. Bandages and garments were made for the Red Cross. Members' sons and husbands were remembered with gifts costing approximately $300. First-Aid classes were held.

Donations to funds in Catasauqua amounted to $500; to state and national organizations $1,955.

Many of the women who held offices when the auxiliary was formed still maintain their positions.

The present officers are: President, Lillian Walker; Vice President, Ida Wertman; Financial Secretary, Eva Rinker; Secretary, Emily Schlicher; Treasurer, Pearl Wehr; Chaplain, Mabel Roth; Pianist, Marjorie Smale; Assistant Pianist, Jennie Buss; Auditors, Ruth Goldsmith, Lillian Yellis, Helen Weaver.

CATASAUQUA CLUB

One of the oldest social organizations in the community is the Catasauqua Club, which was formed in 1917. Among its members are some of the leading residents of Catasauqua and surrounding communities. Members of the club have taken an active part in civic movements designed for the betterment of the community and served the Borough in various capacities. A detailed history of the club appears on another page.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, CHAROTIN HOSE CO.

Organized in July, 1936, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Charotin Hose Co., has been a constant supporter of the company. During the remodeling program the auxiliary furnished the social hall with attractive drapes.

The auxiliary has been keenly interested in the North Catasauqua playground and has donated more than $1000 for playground equipment. Headed by Mrs. Agnes Seek, president, the group has sponsored ice cream festivals and other fund raising activities.

Since its organization the following women have served the organization as president: Mrs. Pauline Feenstra, Mrs. John McClister, Mrs. Kate Howell, Mrs. Mayme Murtaugh, and Mrs. Agnes Seek.

CATASAUQUA TOWN COUNCIL

Seated (left to right): Richard Boyer, Treasurer; John Stratton, Secretary; Ralph Brown, President; Frank Leidich, Burgess; Thomas Weaver, Solicitor; Arthur Wiesenberger, Engineer. Standing (left to right): Carl Kratzer, Clarence Strode, Harold Hoch, Francis Sheckler, Jacob Stocker, Franklin Witt, Raymond Bachman, John Thomas, Rufus Wint, Daniel Gillespie, James Thomas, Councilmen.

CATASAUQUA BOROUGH AUTHORITY

Seated (left to right): Andrew Galm, Secretary; William F. Worseck, President; Edwin J. Smith, Vice President. Standing (left to right): John Williams, Member; Roland Bachman, Treasurer.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Unit No. 215, American Legion Auxiliary, was organized March 21, 1921 by Dr. Harry L. Baker, with a charter membership of 15.

Organized for the purpose of going forward with the men of the Legion "for God and for Country" and with the understanding of and sympathy with the problems of the veteran, the membership now numbers 247.

The Auxiliary is interested in serving the respective communities and in the welfare of those in other and less fortunate communities.

It contributes to the happiness and comfort of needy veterans, families, the orphans, rehabilitation, child welfare, Legislative and Americanism programs.

Contributions are also regularly made to the Red Cross, Crippled Children, Tuberculosis, Community Chest, and local hospitals and organizations. The group strives to put into practice its belief in the American form of government.

CHAROTIN HOSE CO., No. 1

On Nov. 15, 1909, a group of public-spirited citizens of the Borough of North Catasauqua, a thriving borough just one year old, met in the old School House on Second Street at the instigation of F. W. Hunter and organized the Charotin Hose Co., for the purpose of giving the property owners of the borough protection from the hazards of the greatest menace to any community—Fire.

The Charotin membership roster now contains the names of 1600 fully paid members.

The company holds membership in the following organizations: Charotin Firemen's Relief Association, Pennsylvania Federation of Fraternal and Social Organizations, Allied Fraternal Protective Association of Penna., Firemen's Association of Penna., United Northampton Social Organizations, Inc., Four-County Firemen's Association.

The present officers are: William A. Roman, Jr., President; William Keenan, Vice President; Edward Schuler, Recording Secretary; Stephen Nachisty, Financial Secretary; John J. Molchan, Treasurer.

CATASAUQUA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Catasauqua Rotary Club appointed a committee in 1928 to organize a Chamber of Commerce. Dr. John S. Schneller was named the chairman of the committee.

The Chamber was organized the same year and became a member of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce. Dr. John S. Schneller was elected the first president and William Transue, secretary. The Chamber was incorporated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 17, 1930, and became a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce on March 21, 1930.

Inactive during the depression years, the Chamber was revived in April 1947, with James Quick, president. The present membership is 160 members

CATASAUQUA BOARD OF HEALTH
Seated (left to right): Dr. William R. Dewar, vice president; Edwin O. Breisch, President; Fred W. Leickel, Wilbur M. Wehr.
Standing (left to right): Lawrence A. Long, Reuben C. Weaver, secretary.

consisting of individuals, business and manufacturing establishments. The Chamber promotes projects for the betterment of civic and business affairs of the community in general.

Current officers are Joseph H. Suppan, President; Edwin H. Koons, Vice President; James J. Schreiber, Treasurer; Stanley E. J. Frantz Secretary.

ST. ANDREW'S JEDNOTA SOCIETY

St. Andrew's Jednota Society, Branch 157, was organized on St. Andrew's Day, Nov. 30, 1894. It received its charter on Dec. 20th, 1894, from its parent organization, "Jednota," the First Catholic Slovak Union, Cleveland, Ohio, the largest Slovak Catholic Fraternal Benefit organization in the world. This "Jednota" Society is primarily a sick and death benefit fraternal society, but directly sponsors local athletic, social and civic activities for its members. Branch 157's present membership is 265 beneficial seniors, 150 beneficial juniors along with 352 social members. St. Andrew's Jednota Society was organized by Slovaks who emigrated here from their native Czechoslovakia.

In 1912 it organized its Junior Branch, called St. Joseph's Society. Also in these early years, it sponsored American Citizenship classes so that many of its members eagerly became American citizens.

In 1928, baseball, basketball and bowling teams were organized in competition with other Jednota branches located throughout the Eastern United States. This athletic program progressed until World War II, when it was discontinued due to many of its younger members entering the Armed Forces. Seventy-eight of its members served their country.

In 1930, the society organized Troop 18, Boy Scouts, the First Catholic Slovak troop of Boy Scouts in the

United States continuing its activities until 1948.

In 1934, the Catasauqua Jednota baseball team sponsored by this society, won the National Jednota Baseball Championship in playoffs held in the Cleveland Stadium, Cleveland.

In 1949, the society sponsored and built the Jednota Slovak Center Social Club, Fifth and Grove Streets. After the Social Club was built, a Slovak Center Ladies' Auxiliary was organized.

EAST END CIVIC CLUB

The East End Civic Club was formed in 1948 by a group of East Catasauquans who decided to rejuvenate and bring together the residents of that section in order "to make East Catasauqua a better place in which to live". This idea became the slogan of the club which has 41 members at present.

During the summers of 1948 and 1949, the club sponsored community picnics in the Yeager grove. This was made possible through the local merchants and wholesalers. In 1950 the club met with members of the School Board to obtain permission to install playground apparatus on the Taylor school grounds. Through the cooperation of the School Board, the Exchange Club and the East End Civic Club, the Taylor playgrounds became a reality.

With the installation of the equipment, the organization agreed to help finance the cost of a playground supervisor. Miss Minnie Koenig, principal of the Taylor school, was hired.

During the years 1948 to 1952, Christmas parties and Easter Egg Hunts were conducted for the benefit of the East Catasauqua children and the pupils of the Taylor school.

The organization was instrumental in reviving Hallowe'en parades. A Catasauqua Hallowe'en Committee was formed and through its efforts and the cooperation of merchants and citizens, Catasauquans witnessed three of the largest parades in the community's history.

The present officers of the Civic Club are: Victor D. Peiffer, President; Edwin Batori, Vice President; LaRoy Hauser, Secretary; Edward Apple, Treasurer.

PHOENIX FIRE CO., No. 1

Interwoven in the early history of Catasauqua, at the time when it was still a village, is the history of the Phoenix Steam Fire Co., No. 1.

There is an early recording of a meeting that was held on Nov. 4, 1845, for the purpose of organizing a fire company. This meeting was called at the suggestion of David Thomas eight years before the incorporation of the borough. The name adopted was "The Humane Fire Co." This company was disbanded prior to the organization of the Phoenix Fire Co., April 23, 1866, in the old Temperance hall on Second Street, where the Crane stables were located.

The Crane Co. built a brick building on Front Street near the old pump, for the Humane Co., which was later disbanded and was taken over by the Phoenix Fire Co. After the erection of the Town Hall in 1868, the Phoenix was quartered in that building.

NORTH CATASAUQUA COUNCIL

Seated (left to right): Edward Steyert, secretary; Weston Fry, president; Norman L. Ash, burgess; Arthur Wiesenberger, engineer. Standing (left to right): Joseph Quigley, treasurer; Clarence Weiss, councilman; Robert Montgomery, councilman; Stephen Nachisty, fire chief; Ralph Gerhart, councilman; Edward C. Schuler, Jr., councilman. Absent: Jerome Gillespie.

NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH AUTHORITY

Left to right: Raymond G. Witt, treasurer; G. Edward Schaden, chairman; Paul A. Lindenmuth, secretary; Charles G. Albert, vice chairman. Absent: Dr. George L. Lewis.

Today, the members of the Phoenix Fire Co. and its Ladies' Auxiliary are enjoying the same quarters, which has been modernized to meet the needs of housing the new fire fighting equipment and modern truck.

ROTARY CLUB OF CATASAUQUA

The Rotary Club of Catasauqua was organized in Dec. 1925, with 25 members.

Through the years it has maintained the Rotary ideal of service as expressed in the four objects of Rotary: (1) service through fellowship, (2) vocational service, (3) community service, and (4) international service.

Outstanding among many community services performed by the club are the organization of the Chamber of Commerce and the Catasauqua Boys' Club. More recently the club has been active in promoting the work of the Crippled Children's Society.

Its membership individually has always been prominent in all phases of community activity.

Present officers are: Everett Grout, president; M. C. VanAuken, vice president; Owen T. Roth, secretary; Thomas E. Weaver, treasurer.

LADIES' AUXILIARY PHOENIX FIRE CO.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Phoenix Fire Co. was instituted in the Fall of 1936. The officer in charge was Mrs. Lewis Walker, president of the East End Auxiliary.

The following officers were elected at the initial session: President, Mrs. Estella Moll; vice president, Mrs. John Tolan; recording secretary, Mrs. Harold A. Gillespie; financial secretary, Mrs. Oliver Krause; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Costenbader; chaplain, Miss Irene L. Weaver.

Since that time meetings have been held monthly in the fire hall and at the homes of members. Various social events were conducted by the auxiliary from time to time for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the program of the organizations. Donations were made to charitable organizations, such as the Red Cross, Community Chest, March of Dimes and others.

BRANCH ALLENTOWN HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Largely due to the efforts of Mrs. Howard V. Swartz, the Catasauqua Branch of the Allentown Hospital Auxiliary was organized in March, 1947, with an enrollment of 40 members. The first officers chosen by the organization were: Mrs. Owen T. Roth, president; Mrs. Howard V. Swartz, vice president; Mrs. William H. Diffenderfer, secretary; Miss Utie I. Kleibscheidel, treasurer.

Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Swartz have since retained their respective offices. The secretary is Mrs. Ralph C. Boyer, and the treasurer Miss Leila Miller. The present enrollment is over the 300 mark.

Large quantities of surgical dressings have been prepared yearly by members of the Auxiliary for use at the Hospital, as well as hemmed towels, surgical gowns and other articles needed by the institution.

Funds to carry on the work of the Branch were raised through dinners, public parties and outings. The Branch purchased a mimeograph machine for the hospital at a cost of $1500 and pledged to equip and to furnish the radiologist's room in the new hospital addition. The cost of this equipment will be approximately $4500. A portion of this amount has already been paid.

CATASAUQUA CHAPTER AMERICAN RED CROSS

With an enrollment of 1302 members, Catasauqua Chapter, American Red Cross, was instituted in May, 1917, and has had a successful career. The original officers were: James S. Stillman, president; Mrs. Katherine Lennon, vice president; Miss Mary Davis, secretary; William R. Heilman, treasurer.

The Christmas drive for members in 1917 resulted in an enrollment of 3300, and a year later the number was increased to 5922. In 1928 a Junior Red Cross was organized with 1696 members. During the first two years of its existence, the Chapter raised a total of $58,540, a large portion of which was for War Bonds.

During the progress of World War I, hundreds of volunteer workers met in buildings placed at their disposal, where they knitted and sewed for the young men who were in the thick of battle overseas and prepared thousands or surgical dressings and other articles for use in army hospitals.

A splendid nursing service was also maintained by Catasauqua Chapter, which was equalled by few communities. Dances and other functions were conducted for the raising of funds which made it possible to continue the service for many years.

Classes were conducted in home nursing, bedside nursing, first aid and water safety. For many years, the headquarters of the Red Cross were in the former laboratory of the Crane Iron Works, Front Street, which was remodeled and beautified to meet the needs of the organization.

When the national organization decided upon county units, the title of the Catasauqua Chapter was changed to the Catasauqua Branch of the Lehigh County Chapter. Mrs. Lennon served as vice president for many years.

Numerous honor certificates were awarded to Catasauqua Chapter by the American National Red Cross for distinguished achievement in exceeding its quota to the various annual appeals. The Catasauqua Branch has also taken an active part in the blood donor campaign conducted by the national body.

THE GEORGE TAYLOR HOME

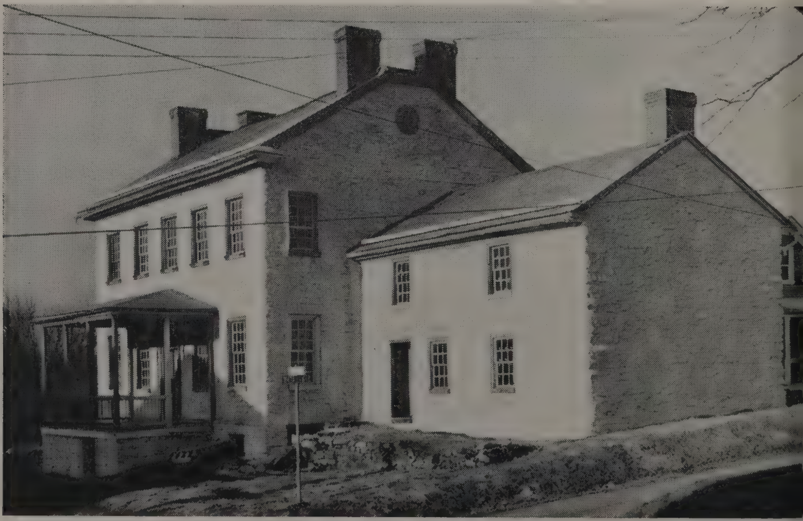
Historical records inform us that George Taylor was born in Ireland in 1716. He was the son of a clergyman and received a more liberal education than was customary at that time. Disliking the medical profession for which he was destined he came to America and bound himself for a term of years to an iron manufacturer at Durham in Bucks County. His employer, recognizing his intelligence, made him his clerk. After his employer's death Taylor married his widow and became master of the industry. In addition to being a member of the provincial Assembly, he was judge of the county and colonel of the militia. As a member of the Assembly in 1775 he was active in revolutionary measures.

The attitude of some of the members of the Continental Congress the next year in refusing assent to the Declaration of Independence led to the election of new members of whom George Taylor was one. He signed the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776, and retired from Congress to private life in March, 1777.

In 1768 he erected a home in what is now Catasauqua and resided there for a time. The Lehigh County Historical Society is interested in the preservation of this as an historical shrine and a marker has been placed along the highway indicating its location. This is another significant note in the history of Catasauqua.

He died in Easton in 1781 where he had purchased an estate and established residence. George Taylor is mentioned as one who rendered notable service to the patriotic cause and we are highly honored in having his home in Catasauqua.

GEORGE TAYLOR HOMESTEAD



OUR FIRE PROTECTION—

The Catasauqua fire department is a volunteer organization upon which our community depends to provide fire protection for our homes, schools, churches, business and industry. The department is composed of three fire companies, namely, Southwark, East Ends and Phoenix. These companies elect their own officers and drivers. The names of their elected drivers are submitted to borough council for approval. When these companies go into action at a fire, they are under the direction of the Catasauqua fire marshal who is a qualified person appointed to this position by borough council. The present fire marshal is Percy Rockel, who is educated in the latest methods of fighting fires.

Catasauqua's fire department is one of the best equipped fire departments for a borough of its size in the State of Pennsylvania. The equipment is purchased and maintained through taxation and is of the finest quality chosen by borough council for its versatility for fighting fires. In order that our citizens can visualize their fire department, the following is a list of major equipment which was purchased during the last seven years:

SOUTHWARK HOSE CO. has a modern 500-gallon triple combination pumper, purchased in 1949, equipped with a 300-gallon booster tank. This truck also carries the protective and first aid equipment for members of our fire department and casualties. Mounted on this truck is a resuscitator capable of reviving two victims simultaneously.

PHOENIX FIRE CO. has a modern 500-gallon triple combination pumper, purchased in 1952, equipped with a 150-gallon booster tank, 30-gallon pyrene foam tank which is capable of generating approximately 1500 gallons of foam used for fighting gasoline and oil fires. In addition, this truck also carries a 15-gallon wet water tank better known as a detergent; this, when mixed with water is used for penetrating fires of a combustible nature where ordinary water will not suffice.

PHOENIX FIRE CO.

EAST END FIRE CO. has a modern 500-gallon triple combination pumper purchased in 1945. This truck carries our largest ladders capable of reaching

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EAST END FIRE CO.

the top of practically any building in the borough. In addition to the above-mentioned equipment, all trucks carry the necessary small equipment such as nozzles, hose, smoke masks, tarpaulins, ladders, etc.

Members of our fire department attend a State Fire School. The course runs for 18 weeks, 4 hours a week, and all phases of fire fighting, first aid, etc. are taught. This school is under a capable State instructor. The number of trained firemen that have completed this course to date is approximately 75. Currently there are 45 men attending this school which will be completed in July, 1953.

SOUTHWARK HOSE CO.

The residents of the Borough of Catasauqua can feel proud that so many of our volunteer firemen take such an active interest in protecting the lives and property of our citizens. This is a job well done with the minimum cost to the taxpayer.

The Borough of North Catasauqua has one fire company known as the Charotins. This company is equipped with a 300-gallon pumper and all the necessary equipment needed to combat fires. The two boroughs have a mutual understanding when an emergency arises they go into action side by side as one fire fighting unit.

CHAROTIN HOSE CO.

Again we express our gratitude to the volunteer firemen from the Boroughs of North Catasauqua and Catasauqua.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES—

The oldest fraternal organization in the borough is Catasauqua Lodge, No. 269, I. O. O. F., which was instituted Saturday, Oct. 6, 1847, in Eberhart hall, located on lower Front Street. The first noble grand was Reuben Seip. The institution was conducted by Robert E. Wright, who later became sovereign grand master of the order. Nov. 8, 1890, the lodge purchased the brick building at 709 Front Street from Grace Methodist Episcopal congregation. Meetings have been held regularly since that time.

Fraternity Encampment, No. 156, I. O. O. F., was instituted June 6, 1867. The first chief patriarch was George Bower. Squire A. F. Koons was the original scribe of the organization and the treasurer F. M. Eagle. The Encampment meets in the Odd Fellows' hall.

Hon. Alex. N. Morrow was noble grand of Orpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 159, I. O. O. F., when it was instituted July 6, 1887, by James B. Nicholson, past grand sire. It was the first Rebekah Lodge formed in Lehigh County. Among one of its most active members was Mrs. Annie Scanlin, who was advanced to the office of president of the Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Porter Lodge, No. 284, F. and A. M., was instituted by James M. Porter, of Easton, Jan. 30, 1854. Robert Montgomery served as the first worshipful master. For 30 years meetings were held in the Fuller block, Front and Church Streets, after which the lodge purchased the Reis building at 513 Front Street, which was remodeled to suit the purposes of the organization. Meetings are held on the first Friday in the month.

Royal Arch Chapter, No. 278, was constituted April 11, 1894, with Squire A. F. Koons as king and C. D. W. Bower scribe. The ceremony was conducted by M. E. Grand High Priest Edgar A. Tennis and grand officers. Some of the most prominent men of the community were among the original members. Meetings of the chapter are held in the Masonic hall.

Jesse K. Berlin Memorial Chapter, No. 492, O. E. S., was constituted at the Masonic Temple, Allentown, on Saturday, Nov. 27, 1948. The presiding officer was Mrs. Beulah J. Albright, worthy grand matron, Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and the constituting officer Llewellyn U. Thomas, worthy grand patron. The following have served as worthy matron: Mrs. Irene Fried, Mrs. Helen Howells, Mrs. Eleanor Parsons and Mrs. Blodwyn Klimzak. The Chapter lends financial support to various charitable organizations, including the Shriners' Hospital, the Eastern Star Home for Aged and the International Temple at Washington, D. C.

January 3, 1888, Catasauqua Castle, No. 241, K. G. E., was instituted by W. W. Wetzel, district grand chief. George

Conrad was installed as noble chief and Jacob VanBuskirk as master of records. For years they met in the P. O. S. of A. hall and later in the Jr. O. U. A. M. hall. At the present time meetings are held in Salem Reformed Church.

Washington Camp, No. 301, P. O. S. of A., was originally organized as Camp 152 in 1868. The present camp was organized March 15, 1888. The camp purchased the present building on Bridge Street in 1895. The building was enlarged and remodeled in 1902.

On the fifth Sun of Hot Moon, or the fifth day of June, 1873, a number of men kindled a council fire for the purpose of instituting a tribe of the I. O. R. M. Catasauqua Tribe, No. 204, was disbanded in 1881, and the relightening of the council fire took place March 10, 1888. Meetings are held in the P. O. S. of A. hall.

David Thomas Chamber, No. 72, O. K. of F., was instituted May 10, 1910. Meetings are held in the Odd Fellows' hall. The original body, which was known as Packer Chamber, No. 21, was organized March 20, 1888.

Bruce Commandery, No. 210, K. of M., was instituted Dec. 21, 1896. The commandery is the direct descendant of one of the most knightly orders. This heritage from the Crusaders has been an invigorating and refreshing thought to its members. The degrees and principles of the order are based on all that made for good in the illustrious, religious and military Order of the Middle Ages.

The institution of Catasauqua Camp, No. 250, W. of W., took place June 30, 1910. The ceremony was conducted by the district deputy, Frank E. Leonard, assisted by the degree team of Alpha Camp, Fullerton. It is largely a fraternal insurance organization. Burton B. Piper has been clerk of the camp since Sept., 1910.

M. M. Shea, national director, presided at the institution of Catasauqua Lodge, No. 1362, L. O. O. M., on June 29, 1913. The lodge bought the Fatzinger property at 754 Front Street, in 1914, where the lodge maintained quarters until October, 1948, when they took possession of the present commodious quarters, which were renovated and beautified throughout. The lodge has an enrollment of over 1000.

The Women of the Moose, Chapter No. 596, an auxiliary of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 1362, was organized April 4, 1943. The present membership is 135. The purpose of the organization is to carry Mooseheart standards into the home and community, to help support Mooseheart through generous contributions, and to help support Moosehaven, located at Orange Park, Florida. Moosehaven is a community all of its own consisting of aged men and women of the Moose.

CATASAUQUA MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS

The first water furnished the community was from a well of the Lehigh Crane Iron Co. on Front Street with a "Municipal Pump".

In 1840 water rights from the Hokendauqua to the Allentown dams were granted the Lehigh Crane Iron Co., and the Lehigh River water being crystal clear, the Crane Co. attached a pump to the water wheel, laid mains on Wood, Second and Church Streets, and above Limestone Street a reservoir and wooden tank was built. Gradually additional mains were laid and in 1872 a steam pumping station with a capacity of 185,000 gallons per day was erected at the Crane plant.

About 1898 the Clear Springs Water Co. was chartered and the Crane Co. ceded their water rights. August 28, 1903, the Borough entered into an agreement with the Clear Springs Co. to supply water to Catasauqua, one spigot cost $6.00 per year (present cost is $6.68).

July 23, 1908, a citizens meeting in the Town Hall proposed the taxpayers agree to an $80,000.00 loan to erect a Municipal Water Plant. At the November election 776 voted in favor and 74 opposed.

March, 1910, well drilling was started on two wells and in October the pumps were operating. The Municipal Water Works became a reality through the efforts of Dr. C. J. Keim, Burgess, Councilmen Henry W. Stolz, Alfred J. Leh, Martin Graver, Thomas Jones, William McCandless, Oscar Shugar. April, 1930, electric power replaced steam pumping and in August, 1938, a third well was put in operation.

In 1951, a 14-inch auxiliary standpipe feed line was laid at a cost of $11,700.00.

There are now in operation three deep-well pumps with a capacity of 3000 gallons per minute pumping water into a 366,000 gallon reservoir and aerator (rebuilt in 1949 at a cost of $17,000.00) and then to a standpipe 80 feet high, capacity 125,000 gallons, which feeds the water main system of six miles with an average use of 805,000 gallons per day, served to 1370 residences, 93 commercial and 26 industrial establishments.

The present value of the Catasauqua Water System is $145,618.96.

U. S. POST OFFICE

Establishment of Catasauqua's Post Office system goes back many years before the actual incorporation of the borough. In 1844 a Post Office was established at Biery's Port (Lower Catasauqua), remaining in various buildings in that section until 1907 when it was moved to Bridge and Railroad Streets. The office was again moved in December, 1935, at which time the Federal building, erected for this purpose at Second and Bridge Streets, was occupied.

The dedication of the new building was a civic ceremony of the first importance, Burgess Harry L. Baker presiding. Speakers were Congressman Oliver W. Frey and E. F. Robertson of the Third Assistant Postmaster General's office.

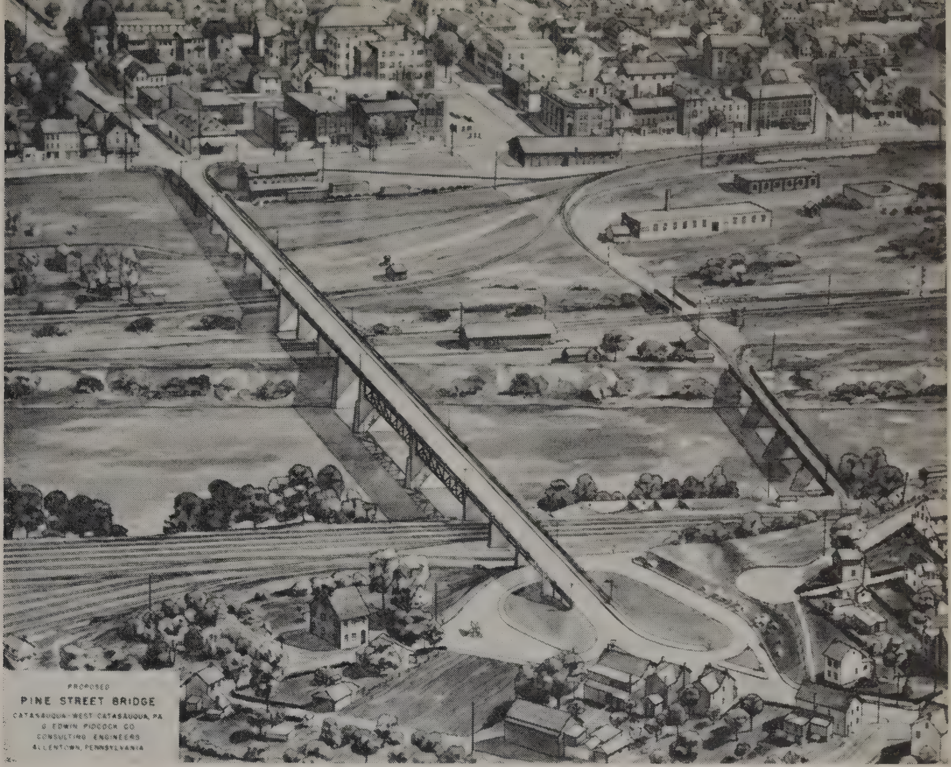
Free delivery was established in 1908 at which time the force consisted of the Postmaster, Assistant Postmaster, two clerks, a substitute clerk, three regular carriers and a substitute carrier. Parcel post deliveries were inaugurated about forty years ago.

The present force consists of the Postmaster, Assistant Postmaster, four clerks, two substitute clerks, seven regular carriers, a substitute carrier, a fireman-laborer and a charman.

A list of postmasters and their tenures of office since the establishment of the Catasauqua Post Office is as follows:

Samuel Clover, 1844-46; Nathan Fegley, 1846-50; Joseph Laubach, 1850-53; Nathan Frederick, 1853-54; Augustus H. Gilbert, 1854-55; Solomon Biery, 1855-61; Arnold C. Lewis, 1861, March to November; Frank B. Martin, 1861-62; Charles D. Fuller, 1862-65; Isabella D. Duff, 1865-71; Adaline Creveling, 1871-77; William H. Bartholomew, 1877-89; Edmund Randall, 1889-94; Jonas F. Moyer, 1894-98; Henry Davis, 1898-1900; Charles Graffin, 1900-08; Samuel S. Graffin, 1908-16; Richard O. Heilman, 1916-23; William McCandless, 1923-36; Stuart H. Hauser, 1936-43; Clifford F. Steinmetz, 1943 to date.

The only living ex-postmaster is Samuel S. Graffin.



Every citizen of Catasauqua is justly proud of the new $1,400,000 Pine Street Bridge.

Proud because they know the bridge is here only through the earnest and persistent efforts of Catasauqua people during the past 15 years.

In the early thirties the people of Catasauqua and Borough Council realized the old bridge, erected 1905 to 1908, was inadequate to take care of the ever-increasing auto and truck traffic. Borough Council, together with Whitehall Township Commissioners, met with County Commissioners twice during 1937 relative to a new bridge, but being informed that Whitehall Township and Catasauqua would be obliged to pay for approaches and land damages, they were forced to discontinue negotiations.

In 1948 the bridge was condemned and closed to vehicular traffic.

An aroused and energetic populace, spearheaded by a rejuvenated Chamber of Commerce, held several meetings with the County Commissioners and finally, in 1949, the County Commissioners advised County Engineer Pidcock to draw plans for a new bridge.

Reluctantly, the County Commissioners placed the question of borrowing $1,250,000 for this purpose, on the ballot for the Lehigh County voters to decide at the November 8, 1949, election.

Catasauqua citizens worked as they never worked before, acquainting the voters of Lehigh County with the facts, and urging them to vote for the bond issue. The Chamber of Commerce, and especially Oliver S. Burkholder and committee, giving of their time and money, did noble work.

The result: Voting "Yes" 23,354; voting "No" 11,791.

Discussion of plans, increased estimated costs, allocation of costs, again held up building of bridge. Finally in 1951, the County Commissioners were persuaded to borrow money and advertise for bids to construct bridge. August 16, 1951, the contract was awarded to G. A. and F. C. Wagman, at their low bid of $1,400,000.

Korean War held up delivery of steel for several more months, but hard work and persistence "paid off" and everyone in Catasauqua is thankful for a job well done.

AMERICAN LEGION HOME

CATASAUQUA PUBLIC LIBRARY

VIEW OF PLAYGROUND AND BATH HOUSE

The present Catasauqua Playgrounds had its inception through the efforts of a number of public-spirited citizens who were interested in the welfare of the children of the community. A tract of ground consisting of about 18 acres was purchased from the Kurtz Estate for the original playgrounds. Shares of stock were sold throughout the community and the Catasauqua Park and Playgrounds Association was formed. A bazaar was also conducted by a group of ladies to aid the cause.

Until about 23 years ago, the playgrounds was operated by a Board of Directors with William R. Thomas as president. Home-talent carnivals were held annually for the purpose of raising funds with which to operate the grounds. At the close of each season the children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who provided refreshments and a program of festivities for the entertainment of the kiddies. One of the original supervisors of the project was George E. Bellis, now of Philadelphia, who was a great favorite among the children.

Twenty-three years ago the property was deeded to the Board of Education at a citizens' meeting for $1. Since that time it has been a part of the school district property.

The School Board laid out an athletic field, 255 by 410 feet, surrounded by a six-foot cyclone fence. It was named the Thomas Athletic Field in memory of Mrs. William R. Thomas, who was a most devoted supporter of the playground.

A most notable improvement was the construction of the swimming pool and bath house, which was completed in 1936. The pool is 90x300 feet in dimension and varies in depth from six inches to a depth of nine feet. The water is pumped from an artesian well, filtered and chlorinated before it enters the pool. The school district floated a $35,000 bond issue to finance the project. Much of the work was done through the aid of the Public Works Administration which was active at the time. Everett Associates were the Architects and Williams was the contractor.

A pavilian, which accommodates approximately 200 persons, with combined tables and benches, and three ovens for cooking purposes, was also provided by the Board of Education. Tennis and basketball courts have been erected. A modern refreshment stand serves the needs of picnickers and swimmers, and the beautiful landscaped lawns provide a summer resort spot for Catasauqua families and their friends.

INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE—

Before embarking upon this assignment, it might conceivably be permitted to venture the assertion, that successful industry and business enhance, and to a large extent, provide the essential elements for a stable, expanding and prosperous community. As such, it should therefore be realized that they have made and continue to make a very substantial contribution to its whole welfare.

A comprehensive factual history covering industry and business of the area over a period of 100 years or more would, in itself, make a fair-sized volume. It is obvious therefore, that the record herewith must forego a repetition of some of the details appearing in any similar publication of the past and be confined to a more or less curtailed account without omitting, so far as possible, the pertinent essentials.

In the presentation that follows, it will be observed that initial consideration will be given to the non-existent—

INDUSTRIES OF THE PAST

FARMING—Farming, as might be expected, was the first industry on record, as the land very likely was found suitable for the purpose, and thus appeared to offer the best possibilities for providing the basic or primary essentials for a satisfactory livelihood. There were six farms within or touching the confines of Catasauqua long before the incorporation of the borough, and were owned or operated by the following Pennsylvania Germans: Frederick and Henry Biery, John Peter, the Faust family, Henry Breisch, John George Kurtz and George Breinig.

CRANE IRON WORKS—

This was the first major industry of the area and originated with the incorporation of the Lehigh Crane Iron Co., May 16, 1839, to undertake the erection of a blast furnace for the manufacture of pig iron primarily with anthracite coal.

Subsequently, it took the corporate designation of the Crane Iron Works and proved to be the first consistent producer of pig iron with that fuel in the United States.

The successful culmination of this pioneering venture will always remain a noteworthy achievement in the historical annals of our community. It is equally gratifying to realize that, as the demand in the succeeding years increased and activities developed over a constantly extended territory, the facilities were expanded, new techniques adopted, and modern equipment provided by a capable and aggressive management, for the most part, under the direction of Leonard Peckitt as President. Thus by the year 1898, the productive capacity was increased to approximately 100,000 tons annually, as compared to a mere 2,600 tons in the initial year of operation.

In the early part of 1889, the Empire Steel and Iron Co., a New Jersey corporation, acquired control of the entire property and business of the Crane Iron Works, later established its general office here in the building at 124 Bridge Street, now the headquarters of the Fuller Co. and various other Fuller interests. The production of pig iron was continued with Mr. Peckitt retained in the Presidency.

By 1904 added facilties again increased the potential annual capacity to 130,000 tons. It should be noted too, that the corporation owned and operated blast furnaces at Topton and Macungie in Pennsylvania, and Oxford, New Jersey, together with magnetic ore mines in Oxford and Mount Hope, N. J., the Mount Hope Mineral Railroad Co., Mount Hope, N. J., the Crane Railroad Co. at Catasauqua, and the Victoria Coal & Coke Co. of West Virginia.

Subsequently, all of the holdings of the Empire Steel and Iron Co. were purchased by the Repolgle interests of New York, which also acquired the Warren Foundry & Pipe Corporation of Phillipsburg, N. J., with Mr. Peckitt again selected as president.

Due to unfavorable conditions in the industry, the local furnaces suspended operations in 1921, only nine months after an expenditure of approximately $1,000,000 for new plant facilities. After a prolonged period of idleness and no prospects of profitable operation, the furnaces were dismantled and most of the buildings razed.

This marked the regretful passing of a treasured and highly regarded industry in which the town had, for many years, taken a justifiable pride.

DAVIES & THOMAS COMPANY—

This company produced a wide range of grey iron castings for a varied clientele and, for quite a few years, was the main source of the United Gas Improvement Co. of Philadelphia, for their substantial cast-iron requirements in making manufactured gas and for the construction of gas plants.

The Davies & Thomas Company, however, probably became best known and will be most favorably remembered for the success attained in the manufacture of cast-iron tunnel lining for both rail and vehicular traffic. Up to the time operations were permanently suspended in 1947, several hundred thousand tons were produced in this establishment. Some of the more well known and prominent transportation projects in which extensive quantities were used are the Pennsylvania Railroad, Harlem River and MacAdoo Tunnels for rail traffic, and the Holland, Lincoln, Queens-Midtown, and Battery-to-Brooklyn vehicular tunnels, all within the metropolitan area of greater New York City and adjacent New Jersey points. It should be noted that vehicular tunnels are primarily, and for the most part, subaqueous or underwater installations, requiring work to be done under air pressures of as much as 70 pounds per square inch. The construction of these tunnels constitute a profound and widely acclaimed engineering achievement.

The Davies & Thomas Company had its origin in 1865 as a partnership between Daniel Davies and William Thomas who embarked upon the operation of a grey iron foundry and machine shop.

A second partnership with James Thomas and George Davies, the son of Daniel Davies, as principals, was formed in 1879 to continue similar operations, and after the death of Mr. Davies, the business was incorporated December 21, 1894, as Davies & Thomas Co., with James Thomas as president. Ownership was confined to members of the Davies and Thomas families.

After the death of James Thomas in 1906, Rowland D. Thomas, his son, and Leonard Peckitt succeeded to the presidency in that order, with Hopkin Thomas as general manager under the latter's incumbency.

While in the process of furnishing cast-iron lining for the Holland Vehicular Tunnel, the George H. Flinn Corp. of New York City, the master contractor, came into control of the Davies & Thomas Co. with S. M. Rutledge of that firm as president.

A few years later, however, the ownership again changed when the United States Pipe & Foundry Co. of Burlington, N. J., acquired control and elected George Davies, then general sales agent of the Davies & Thomas Co. with headquarters in New York City to the presidency. On or about 1945, Mr. Davies secured control by the purchase of the stock held by the United States Pipe & Foundry Co., and during the intervening years to 1947, the company fulfilled a contract for a substantial tonnage of the cast-iron lining for the Battery-to-Brooklyn vehicular tunnel. Operations were shortly thereafter suspended, however, and Mr. Davies, having decided to dispose of the plant, sold all of the physical assets to the Schneider Associates of Allentown, in Oct., 1947 and liquidated the corporation.

CATASAUQUA MACHINE WORKS

In Oct., 1939, Fred J. Walker and Milton O. Knauss, then secretary and works manager, respectively, of the Davies & Thomas Co., with some out-of-state interests, formed the Catasauqua Machine Corp. with S. M. Rutledge of the George H. Flinn Corp. of New York City as president, M. O. Knauss as vice president, and F. J. Walker as secretary and treasurer.

They leased the machine shop fronting on Race Street with equipment from the Davies & Thomas Co., and proceeded to do jobbing machine work including the manufacture of complete assemblies from material furnished by the customers, together with the normal repairs and maintenance requirements of the Davies & Thomas Co.

Some of the principal sources of work came from such firms as the Fuller Co. of Catasauqua, the Bethlehem Steel Co., Hershey Machine & Foundry Co., Manheim, Hydraulic Engineering Co., Alburtis, Andale Co., Lansdale, and Sarco Manufacturing Corp., Bethlehem, besides the Ingersol-Rand Co., of Phillipsburg, N. J., and Painted Post, N. J.

In 1943, F. J. Walker and M. O. Knauss purchased all of the outstanding stock and continued the business as a partnership under the fictitious title of Catasauqua Machine Works until October, 1950, when the physical assets were sold and the business liquidated.

The forerunner of this company was the Northern Iron Company, organized in 1863 for the manufacture of rails and armor plate for war vessels with David Thomas, president; Charles G. Earp, secretary and treasurer; and David Eynon, superintendent. A plant was built along the west side of Front

Street, approximately from Pine to slightly beyond Walnut.

The end of the Civil War removed the anticipated demand for armor plate, so the facilities were changed for the manufacture of tank and boiler plates and later sheet iron, the corporation then taking the name of the Catasauqua Manufacturing Co. in 1868.

In 1872, a large rolling mill producing bar and skelp iron on the west side of the Lehigh River at Ferndale, now Fullerton, called the Lehigh Manufacturing Co., was purchased and Oliver Williams assumed the presidency. By 1882, the two mills, with an estimated value of $2,000,000, had a combined annual production of 36,000 tons and employed 600 persons. Their products of bar and merchant iron were shipped to all parts of the nation.

This enterprise was considered one of the industrial bulwarks of the community when a severe and prolonged strike in 1892, followed by an equally disastrous nation-wide depression in 1893, transformed it into a tragic and lamented industrial casualty. It was this operation, together with the various other iron and steel producing establishments that, over the years, made it the dominant industry of the area and through the prominence achieved, the designation of the "Iron Borough" became a familiar application.

UNION FOUNDRY & MACHINE CO.

This was another foundry and machine shop undertaking that was started in 1851 by John Fritz and brother at Front and Pine Streets on the premises now occupied by the Savoy Theater, John Edgar and Moose buildings. It was later purchased by William Michel and David Thomas, Mr. Thomas shortly thereafter becoming sole owner. He, in turn, sold it to Oliver and David Williams and William Hopkins.

Cast iron columns and bases on which they were mounted were produced in substantial quantities for use in the construction of buildings and other structures. A spur railroad track crossed Front Street onto the premises thus providing a means of bringing raw materials directly to the plant and convenient loading of outgoing shipments.

By 1901, when the business was incorporated with Oliver Williams as president, J. Arthur Williams as secretary, the limitations imposed by the location on needed expansion was such that the operation was moved to the north side of Race Street between the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Lehigh River on property now occupied by the Tri-City York Co. and the Catasauqua Scrap Yard. Four years operations ceased.

CATASAUQUA CASTINGS CO.—

This company was organized in 1907 and acquired the property of the former Union Foundry & Machine Co. to resume foundry and machine shop activities with Frederick Conlin as manmanager. Richard Koehler, son-in-law of Oliver Williams, was prominently identified with the undertaking as the chief executive officer. The operation, however, was not successful and was entirely discontinued about 1917.

CATASAUQUA BREWERY—

Here was an establishment that combined refreshment and stimulation in its product and was started in 1867 by Matthew Millhaupt who, after an early demise, was succeeded by his brewmaster Christian Stockberger who likewise succeeded him as the husband of his widow. After Mr. Stockberger's death in 1885 and several attempts at operation failed, the property was acquired by Henry Kirsch and H. H. Rice, the latter very early taking full possession and continued the brewing of beer until 1906, when Charles L. Lehnert became the owner and proprietor.

He made extenive improvements and expanded the productive facilities that made possible an annual output of 8000 barrels. Operations were later discontinued and the plant dismantled.

LEHIGH FIRE BRICK CO.—

It was in 1868 that the business af making fire bricks was started by Messrs. McHose and Ritter in a frame building between Front Street and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. canal adjacent to the F. W. Wint Co. As the result of a severe fire in 1872 a new stone structure was built by Joshua Hunt and Samuel Thomas to continue the manufacture of the various sizes and shapes of fire bricks required for lining furnaces, foundry cupolas and many other purposes.

Lucius H. McHose, son of one of the founders, appears as the next owner and operator of what was then the Lehigh Fire Brick Works after reincorporation that took place in 1903. All operations have long since ceased and the building removed.

BLDG. BRICK MANUFACTURER.—

David Tombler made building bricks from 1860 to 1880 at a plant at the upper end of East Catasauqua. He was succeeded by Milton Kurtz who, 22 years later, established the business at about 14th and Race Streets and attained a production of 700,000 to 1,000,000 bricks annually.

Oscar Kurtz with William Schaeffer started another plant in 1886, later sold to David Thomas and David Williams who, after 10 years, discontinued the business which was never resumed.

Oscar Kurtz then took over the Milton Kurtz operation with Franklin Goldsmith in 1905 and later by himself. On or about 1918 all operations ceased and the plant was subsequently dismantled.

CATASAUQUA DISPATCH—

Edmund Randall started a job printing business in 1870 and also published a weekly sheet in the same year called the "Country Merchant" which was changed the following year to the "Catasauqua Dispatch" when it was enlarged in size to about that being currently produced under the same name, continuation of the operation appearing elsewhere.

BRYDEN HORSESHOE CO.—

As can well be imagined this was an industry catering to a specific form of travel and locomotion accessories, footwear, no less of iron and steel so that even horses and mules should appear properly shod.

It was organized in 1882 with Joshua Hunt president and Oliver Williams secretary and treasurer. About 30 men were employed and turned out approximately three tons of horseshoes daily.

In the meantime activities were expanded and the facilities enlarged through funds secured from the sale of additional stock made available by an increase in the capitalization to $100,000 in 1888. Jacob Roberts of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was engaged to provide equipment to make shoes for the blacksmith trade thus providing a greatly expanded market that before long trebled the sales volume.

Within the short period of 15 years the company and its products had attained national prominence and prestige and with the advent of the Boer War in Africa 1899-1900, when a carload of horse and mule shoes were furnished the British War Department weekly, the sales indicated world-wide acceptance.

After the death of Oliver Williams in 1894, then president and treasurer, George E. Holton, vice president, succeeded to the same offices, with Tilghman F. Frederick as secretary, which position was later filled by H. Morley Holton upon the of Mr. Frederick in 1909.

By 1914 the plant had a daily production of 40 to 50 tons with about 300 men employed and a paid up capital of $625,000.

At this time Mrs. George E. Holton was president, having assumed the position after the death of her husband in 1913, and H. Morley Holton was secretary and treasurer, with Paul E. Miller as general manager.

It was while under his official direction that the entire business and property was sold in 1917 to the Never Slip Co. of New Brunswick, N. J., which was followed by a merger of the two companies and the operation here continued under the name of Bryden Never Slip Co.

The Phoenix Manufacturing Co. of Joliet, Illinois, the present owners acquired possession in 1928.

SOUTH END PLANING MILL—

In or about 1897 Preston Kratzer built a large planing mill in South Catasauqua, conducting the business under the name of the South End Planing Mill. Lewis Jones joined him in 1913 as a partner, delegated primarily to secure contracts and the erection of building structures.

At the same time Mr. Kratzer decided to embark upon another venture on the premises, cleared the floors of the mill and installed machinery and equipment for the building and repairs of motor cars. It was known as the Catasauqua Motor Car Works, had 20,000 square feet of floor space and employed experienced men to supervice the wood, paint and machine shop departments.

Here again fire dealt a severe and irreparable blow to the undertaking on March 4, 1914, only about six months after the business was started, thus adding another unfortunate industrial casualty.

WAHNETAH SILK CO.—

An English family by the name of Stubbs came directly from England, took up residence in the brick home at Front and Race Streets adjoining the Mauser homestead, Mr. Stubbs having been secured to supervise plant operations of the company that was chartered in 1890 to manufacture silk fabrics with James Thomas of the Davies & Thomas Company as president. The initial operation was on silk plush, but proving unprofitable, the equipment was replaced with broad silk looms in 1902.

Thereafter it developed rapidly with marked success and upon the death of Mr. Thomas in 1906, William R. Thomas, Jr., was elected to the same office and that of general manager, with Frank M. Horn as secretary and treasurer. Following the death of Mr. Horn in 1920 Miss Ida Downs became secretary and treasurer and continued in this capacity until the firm passed out of existence.

Mr. Epstein of Allentown, later purchased the plant from Mr. Thomas and leased portions to various tenants engaged in some form of textile production.

This marked the demise of what had been one of the most flourishing and promising industries of the community.

D. G. DERY CO.—

Mr. Dery started the erection of a brick building at Front and Race Streets in March, 1897, out of the proceeds of a bond issue of about $40,000, most of which was held by local residents, and upon completion in August of the same year, entered into the production of colored and black silk fabrics for ladies' dresses. The business was conducted under the name of D. G. Dery.

Two years later, the plant was expanded by a very substantial addition that doubled the capacity and provided employment for about 400 persons.

Through the acquisition of a number of other plants, most of which were located over the eastern part of the state, the Dery interest grew to such proportions, that Mr. Dery, at one time, was generally believed to be one of the largest, if not the largest, individual silk manufacturers in the United States, and had apparently amassed a considerable personal fortune from the venture. He built a pretentious brick home at Fifth and Pine Streets at a reputed cost of $1,000,000, but now converted into fashionable apartments by L. W. Hunsicker of Allentown, the present owner.

In order to provide adequate finances demanded by an enterprise such as had been developed, a bonded indebtedness was incurred against all of the various mills. Wide fluctuations in the price of raw materials, coupled with a period of depressed textile business generally, forced the Dery silk interests into bankruptcy. Mr. Dery not only lost the business he created but also his pretentious home.

CATASAUQUA SILK CO.—

This company was organized in 1911 by James J. Seyfried, Wilson J. Smith, Edwin J. Smith, and Frank J. Schleicher, and started broad silk production in what is now the W. J. Smith & Co. building at Race Street and the Central Railroad.

The venture was not successful, however, and the enterprise was liquidated several years later.

UNICORN SILK CO.—

The Unicorn Silk Co. was a silk weaving establishment whose origin and activities are, in the absence of any know authentic source of factual data, rather obscure. It was probably in operation for a period of about ten years in a building on the site now occupied by the Royal Swan Division of the Burlington Mills, North Catasauqua.

A devastating fire in 1890 ruined the entire plant and caused the death of five persons.

The plant was later rebuilt and placed under the direction of the Degner Brothers of New York, then living in a house at the corner of Bridge and Crane Streets, but now long since removed.

Subsequently, the operation came into the possession of Messrs. Lund and Roth, who continued in the silk business for an undetermined number of years until about 1929, when the Stark Brothers of New York City purchased their interests.

GENERAL RIBBON MILLS—

The Stark Brothers started in the manufacture of ribbon and developed an extensive trade in the product, the operation first being known as the Catasauqua Ribbon Mills.

Later it operated as the General Ribbon Mills, after expanding plant facilities and greatly increasing production to meet the newly developed sales demand.

Once again, the corporate name was altered to General Mills, and besides the original plant, they also operated the old Dery Mill at Front and Race Streets under a lease agreement and likewise, one in Emmaus.

It had grown to be one of the prime industries of the area, and at the peak of operations, employed as many as 600 persons.

About 1948, the Burlington Mills Corp. with their main office at Greensboro, N. C., purchased the property in North Catasauqua.

GAS AND ELECTRIC INDUSTRY—

As early as 1856, a charter was granted the Catasauqua Gas Co., which furnished gas first produced from coal and subsequently, by the newly developed Lowe Process and Water Gas Equipment. It is natural, therefore, that the first street lighting was by open flame gas burners mounted on lamp posts.

The plant was located on the west side of Front Street, between Walnut and Pine, on what is now part of the F. W. Wint Co. property, and by 1884, served the municipalities of North Catasauqua, Northampton, Coplay, Hokendauqua and West Catasauqua, besides Catasauqua proper.

In 1890 the Catasauqua Electric Light & Power Co. was organized by George Davies, Rowland T. Davies, James Thomas and Rowland D. Thomas, who were granted municipal authority to install the necessary poles and wiring along the streets to meet their service reqiuremnts.

Ten years later the company, together with the Northampton Electric Co. and the Lehigh County Electric Co. were consolidated with the Northampton Gas & Electric Co., which was a merger effected in the same year of the Catasauqua Gas Co. and the Consumers and Peoples Gas Cos., the entire operation being then conducted under the name of the Lehigh-Northampton Gas and Electric Co.

The generating plant of the electric power division was located between Lehigh Street and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. canal, opposite the Cands Fabrics building. Electric street lighting was initiated this same year replacing the gas lamps.

In 1907, a bond holders' committee brought about a reorganization, out of which emerged the Lehigh-Northampton Light, Heat & Power Co. In 1913, the Lehigh Valley Light & Power Co. acquired the electric franchise which was later to become part of what is now the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co., while the Allentown-Bethlehem Gas Co. likewise took over all those covering the manufacture and distribution of gas. The local producing facilities of both electric and gas, having become obsolete, were soon abandoned.

CATASAUQUA BOILER WORKS—

Samuel McCloskey started a small boiler shop in 1901 at Front and Willow Streets and was joined in a partnership by three brothers from the West, John, William and James. After developing the business to the extent necessitating larger quarters they purchased the property of the former Catasauqua Manufacturing Co. and employed from 30 to 40 men.

The partnership was dissolved in 1907 and the business sold but the following year Samuel McCloskey made a second start at the same location, but due to unfavorable conditions the venture was abandoned about 1917.

EMANUEL & COMPANY—

David L. Emanuel as president and George W. Aubrey as secretary and treasurer organized a corporation operating as Emanuel & Co. in 1904 to crush and prepare blast furnace slag for roofing and concreting purposes.

The first plant was erected on one of the cinder dumps or banks of the Crane Iron Works, and later removed to a similar concentration at the Thomas Iron Co., Hokendauqua, which was followed with a second installation at another of the Crane Iron banks. Subsequently similar operations were undertaken at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and South Bethlehem.

When the material was ultimately accepted by the concrete and roofing trade the volume reached extensive proportions and as much as 1,000 tons was produced daily.

In 1913 Paul E. Miller of Catasauqua assumed the Presidency with Miles T. Bitting of Allentown as Secretary. Later the business was sold to the Duquesne Slag Co., who continued active for about four to five years.

YOUNG BOILER COMPOUND CO.—

Harry R. Young secured a patent in 1908 on a compound developed by him for the prevention and removal of scale in steam boilers and with some associates found the Young Boiler Compound Co.

The product proved successful as attested by its acceptance over a rather extended territory particularly in the New England and Middle Atlantic States. Due to the untimely death, however, of Mr. Young in 1939, the business was liquidated.

LEICESTER RUBBER CO.—

This was a New Jersey corporation organized in 1910 that in 1913 purchased the plant of the former O'Brien Rubber Thread & Webbing Co. of Catasauqua that had proved unsuccessful after only a comparatively short period of endeavor.

The new corporation employed a process to reclaim rubber from discarded material which was used to manufacture mechanical rubber goods, door mats, tires for baby carriages, fruit jar rings and shoe soles and heels.

Sales of rather extensive proportions were developed with markets in many parts of the United States, Alaska, Honolulu and Hawaii.

Unfortunately, after a short period of operations, a fire completely destroyed the plant.

CRYSTAL ICE CO.—

This company was incorporated in 1913 with Henry G. Walker, President, William J. Montz, Vice President, C. O. Fuller, Secretary and Treasurer and William H. Satelle in charge of operations. A building was erected at Peach and American Streets and equipped to manufacture ice with a maximum capacity of 40 tons per day.

The advent of electric refrigeration and its increasing acceptance together with the seasonal nature of the business so limited the demand that profitable load factor could not be maintained.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESSES —

In addition to what has preceded there were also, at different times, a large variety of small businesses, trades and service establishments that, up to now are part of the history of the past, all of which however undoubtedly contributed, in some measure, to the needs and general welfare of the community during their tenure of activity.

The last recorded account of these is in the history of 1914 that list about 100 of such operations, a detailed repetition of which, unfortunately cannot be included here for obvious reasons. May it suffice therefore to mention the different classes of businesses of prior existence as taken from the record, viz.: mercantile, grocery, drug, confectionary, tobacco, book and stationery, hardware millinery, jewelry, and electrical appliance stores, slaughter houses, meat markets, bakeries, plumbers, painters and paperhangers, saddlers, fuel and lubricating oil dispensers, manufacturers' agents of industrial products, blacksmiths, barbers, shoe repairing, restaurants, hotels, tailors, coal dealers, livery stables, contract hauling, undertakers, insurance and real estate, and moving picture theaters.

In deference to those individuals of the past who have effectively concluded their part in the sphere of industry and business we do gratefully, and with a deep sense of appreciation, pay our sincere and profound respect.

Industry and Business of the Present—

Thus far we have presented the non-existent industries of the past, a past that will undoubtedly arouse and stir up many memories to recollections long dormant and put the mind in a reminiscent mood.

We shall therefore proceed to develop, by a similar process, what is in essence, a reminiscent record supported by authentic factual data of industry and business of the present.

BEITEL JEWELERS—Did you ever stop to check your watch with the clock in Beitel's window? Countless times during each day the casual passerby, the homeward-bound, the railroader will stop and get "correct time" from this familiar clock and landmark.

One hundred years ago you would have had to check your timepiece (if you were lucky enough to own one) with the sun dial near the Crane Foundry office at Front and Church Streets. It was not until 1863, when James C. Beitel, just returned from service with the Union Army, opened his clock and jewelry store at 215 Front Street.

As Catasauqua grew, the business grew. J. C. Beitel became J. C. Beitel & Son in 1899, when Robert J. Beitel joined his pioneering father. In 1910, expansion of the business required moving the store to the Lehigh National Bank building, where it became recognized as the most beautiful jewelry store in the Lehigh Valley.

The firm name changed to that of Robert J. Beitel in 1918, when the latter became sole owner. The tradition of integrity, service and quality was further developed and carried on. In 1951, the business moved to its present location in the Masonic building.

Now, as Catasauqua celebrates its Centennial, Beitel's rounds out 90 years of continuous service to and pleasant association with many generations of Catasauquans and their friends.

FRANKLIN GOLDSMITH & SON — Franklin Goldsmith, contractor and builder, started in business in 1886. The business grew rapidly and due to this expansion he erected a planing mill and added the lumber yards to his contracting business. The name of the firm was changed to Franklin Goldsmith & Son in 1919.

At his death in 1925, the business was bequeathed to his children who incorporated it under the above title. By adding a full line of building supplies, they were able to give complete building service.

The officers of the corporation are Clyde Goldsmith, president; Miss Stata Goldsmith, vice president; Wayne A. E. Goldsmith, secretary and treasurer.

The office, mill, and supply yard are located at 808-814 Race Street.

PHOENIX MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Phoenix Manufacturing Company was organized in 1865 at Poughkeepsie, New York, under the name of Phoenix Horse Shoe Company. In 1887 the Company started to expand and built a plant at Joliet, Illinois and became incorporated as an Illinois Corporation in the same year.

In the early 1920's the Company was re-organized and came under the control of Mr. J. W. Kiser and Associates. Mr. Kiser was named President and held this title until his death in 1916 when the title passed to his son, John W. Kiser, who served in this capacity until March 4, 1930 when he was made Chairman of the Board, a position which he still holds.

The present President of Phoenix Manufacturing Company, Mr. Edward N. Gosselin, became affiliated with the Company in 1927 and was elected President on March 4, 1930. In 1928, under the guidance of Mr. Gosselin, the Company name was changed to Phoenix Manufacturing Company and a great expansion program went into effect. At that time Phoenix purchased four other Horse Shoe Companies, one of which was the Bryden Horse Shoe Company of Catasauqua which it has continued to operate since that time under the name of Phoenix Manufacturing Company.

From the time of organization in 1882 under the name of Bryden Horse Shoe Company, the Catasauqua plant operated a complete rolling mill and bending and pressing rooms for the exclusive manufacture of horse and mule shoes. In 1939 it was decided to discontinue the rolling mills at Catasauqua and convert the plant into a drop forging plant. It has continued to grow as much until today it is equipped with 21 board hammers, ranging from 1200 pounds to 4000 pounds, a complete die room and production machine shop with full cleaning and heat treating facilities employing 275 persons, and holds an enviable position in the Drop Forging Industry as a modern and efficient drop Forging Plant.

Phoenix Manufacturing Company is proud of its war record, having been awarded the Army-Navy E during World War 2, and is at present manufacturing many items that are helping our boys in Korea. In addition to its war work Phoenix produces a complete line of Flanges, Grab Hooks and Cold Shuts and its Commercial Forging Production includes a complete line of forgings for the Automotive and Farm Machinery Industries.

The present Officers of the Company are as follows: J. W. Kiser, Sr., Chairman of the Board; E. N. Gosselin, President and General Manager; J. W. Gosselin, Assistant to the President; T. W. Howlett, Vice President in charge of Forging Division; H. W. Reusch, Vice President; J. E. Swanson, Vice President;R. F. Dunn, Secretary and Treasurer; C. H. Tappert, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; J. W. Kiser, Jr., Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; J. E. Baker, Jr., Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; J. T. Ferris, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; C. L. Lennon, Sales Manager.

FULLER COMPANY — 27 Years of Service to Industry

World's largest manufacturer of pneumatic conveying systems . . . rotary compressors and vacuum pumps.

Fuller Company was organized in 1926 by the late Col. J. W. Fuller, after his sale of the Fuller-Lehigh Company, of which he was President for many years, to the Babcock & Wilcox Company. General offices and an engineering department were established in the buildings formerly occupied by the Empire Steel & Iron Co., 124 Bridge Street.

In the ensuing years, through constant attention to research and engineering, the company has continued to expand, and now has a large research, engineering, sales, manufacturing, and clerical force. It owns two manufacturing plants; one in Catasauqua and another in Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., the Hershey Machine & Foundry Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary, which operates a large modern machine shop and foundry producing cupola and electric-furnace castings.

In addition to its own line of industrial equipment, Fuller Company, either directly or through its subsidiary, supplies others with steel plate work and foundry castings. It also manufactures a full line of domestic and small industrial automatic stokers, sold under the trademark "Motorstokor", and oil-burning equipment. Another subsidiary, the Separation Process Company, maintains a research laboratory in Catasauqua, and designs and furnishes equipment for the beneficiation of cement raw materials, and has equipped plants in the United States and a number of foreign countries.

The company, at present, employs approximately 800 individuals.

In addition to shipping its products to many parts of the world, Fuller equipment is manufactured in large quantities under license agreements, in many foreign countries, particularly England, France, Germany and Spain.

At the time of organization, the company marketed only the Fuller-Kinyon Pump used by Portland cement plants for pneumatic conveying of pulverized coal, cement raw material, and finished Portland cement. The officers of the company, however, had confidence in the future, and in its ability to produce and grow with industry. Other types of conveyors, the Airveyor, F-H Airslide, and Fuller-Fluxo Pump were acquired. From the cement industry the company expanded into other industries which were becoming aware of the advantages of pneumatic handling of various dry, bulk materials; some of them are ready-mixed concrete and block plants; pulp and paper industry; heavy chemical and plastic producers; brewing and distilling; oil and gas production; foundries; steel plants; flour milling; bakeries, and many others.

As new and improved processes were developed in many industries, it designed and built equipment to meet these demands. The most conspicuous of these was the invention and development of the Fuller Inclined-Grate Cooler, which improves the quality of cement and recovers clinker heat. The largest number of air-quenching coolers in the world are of Fuller design. In fact, the company has often been called upon to assist in developing equipment for a specific problem. Today, Fuller equipment is helping, throughout the world, in the production of better products at lower cost.

The company feels it can point with pride to the part it has played in the building of the many large concrete dams during the past few years. On a great majority of these mammoth structures, one would find Fuller equipment doing a giant-sized job, handling the millions of barrels of Portland cement that went into the building of these dams. Without the use of Fuller equipment these jobs would have consumed months of additional time, at much greater expense. Due to the physical location and terrain peculiar to such territory, it often became necessary to convey the cement over long distances. Fuller Company furnished the equipment and engineering skill to meet such conditions . . . on one of these dams Fuller equipment conveyed bulk cement from box cars to the mixing plant, across a valley, a distance of approximately a mile and a quarter, through one continuous pipe line, at a rate of 1000 barrels an hour.

Fuller equipment is also used for pneumatically unloading bulk Portland cement from box and hopper-bottom cars, ocean-going ships and river barges. Also for unloading grain from ships, at rates up to 300 tons an hour.

A number of years ago Fuller Company began the manufacture of the Fuller Rotary Compressor and Vacuum Pump for air and gases, which equipment has found acceptance throughout industry in general, thousands of units being in successful operation.

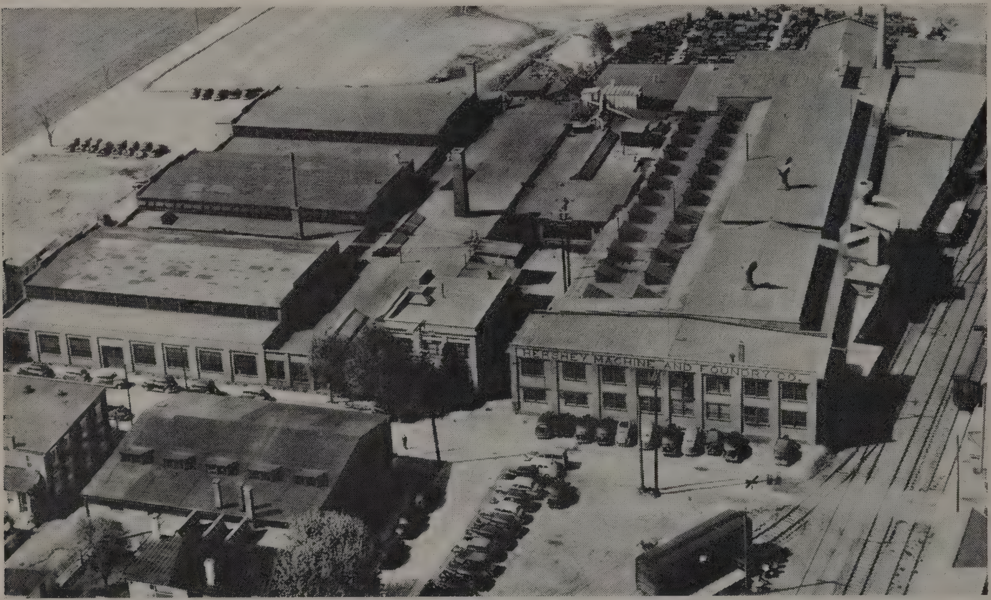
Main Offices and Engineering Departments, Catasauqua, Pa.

See three following pages.

District Sales Offices are maintained in Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and Birmingham.

The present officers are J. W. Fuller, President; C. T. Fuller, Vice President; A. E. Douglass, Chairman of the Executive Committee; J. H. Morrow, Vice President in Charge of Engineering; G. K. Engelhart, Vice President in Charge of Sales; C. O. Davis, General Manager; H. C. Wolbach, Treasurer, and A. S. Heffelfinger, Secretary.

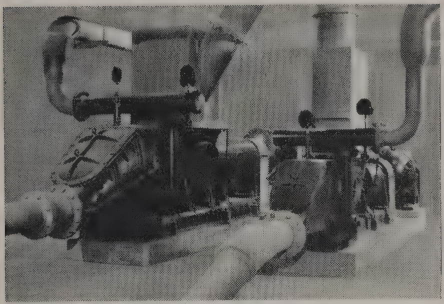
The Fuller interests in Catasauqua are closely allied with the Allentown Portland Cement Company, which has a plant at Evansville, Pennsylvania, and the Valley Forge Cement Company, which has its plant at West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. These two companies manufacture over three million barrels of Portland cement a year.



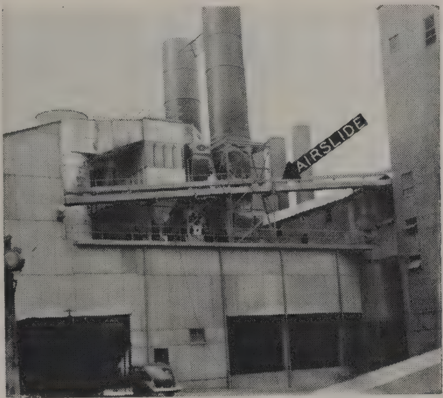
MANHEIM, PA. PLANT: Laboratory, foundry, machine shops, engineering department, and offices are maintained in this plant.

CATASAUQUA, PA. PLANT: Research laboratory, experimental plant, sheet metal shop, machine shop, and compressor engineering department located here.

FULLER COMPANY — Typical Installations

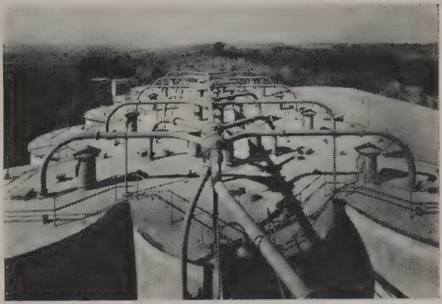


Two Fuller-Kinyon Pumps. One pump conveys 80 tons cement raw materials an hour, the other 360 bbls. Portland cement an hour. Material is conveyed by air through pipe lines.

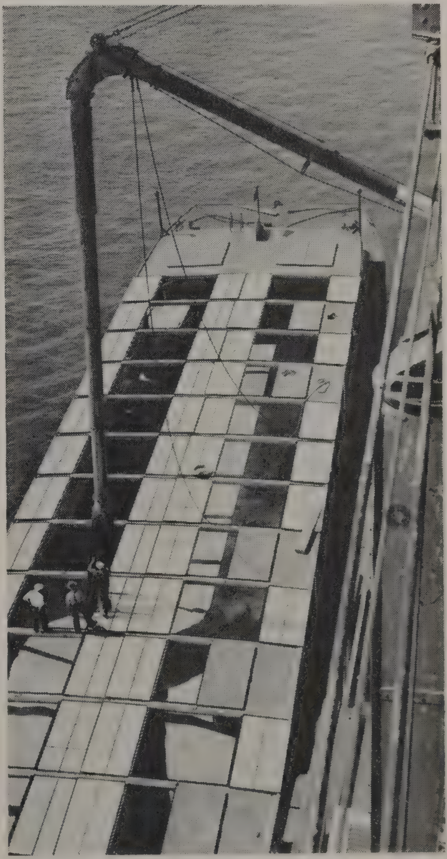


F-H Airslide Conveyor conveying cement raw materials from storage to kiln bins, capacity 3000 cu. ft./hr., distance of 136 feet. Air is the conveying media.

Conveying cement at Grand Coulee Dam through a 12" pipe line (see white line) a distance of one and one-quarter miles, at rate of 1000 bbls./hr.



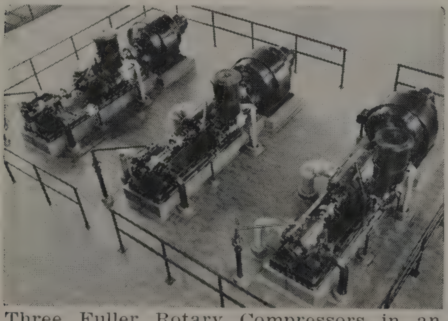
Typical Fuller-Kinyon Conveying System, showing conveying lines on top of cement-storage silos.



Airveyor System unloading grain from a barge on the Pacific Coast at rate of 120 tons an hour.

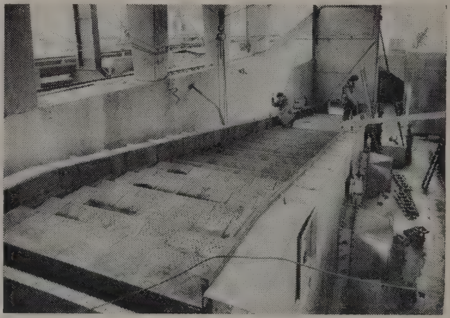
FULLER COMPANY — Typical Installations

Airveyor System unloading flour from a Trans-Flo hopper-bottom car to a bakery in the South. System capable of unloading 40 tons an hour.

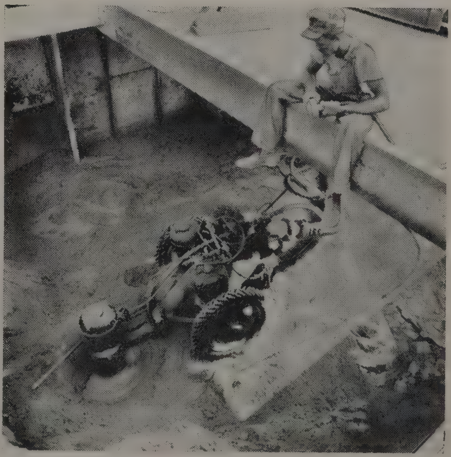


Three Fuller Rotary Compressors in an automobile plant. Capacity of each, 1085 c.f.m. at 100-lb. pressure.

Fuller Clinker Cooler designed to cool 2200 bbls. Portland cement clinker per day from rotary kiln at approximately 2500 deg. F. to 150 deg. F. discharge temperature.



Fuller clinker cooler being installed in a cement plant in Holland, shows grates being placed in position, which convey clinker from rotary kiln to discharge end of cooler.



Fuller-Kinyon Remote-Control Unloader unloading bulk cement from a river barge at rate of 150 bbls./hr. Through use of the hand switch, the operator controls the movements of the Unloader.

F. W. WINT CO., INC.

The F. W. Wint Co., Inc., is engaged in the sale of lumber, coal, planing mill products, contractors' supplies, caskets and undertakers' supplies, paints and building hardware.

It was sometime prior to 1853 that Nathan Fegley of Mauch Chunk abandoned the lumber yard where the Catasauqua Town Hall is now located, and returned to Mauch Chunk. At this time John Stoddard of White Haven leased a tract of land from Owen Swartz at Front and Spring Streets. He shipped lumber here from White Haven on boats and had Owen Swartz as his agent. A few years before the Civil War he sold his interest to Owen Swartz, who carried on the business until 1863, when he took in as a partner Oratio D. Yeager.

The business was then carried on as Swartz and Yeager until 1870. Owen Swartz sold his interest to Ferdinand W. Wint, who conducted the business as Yeager & Wint until 1872. It was then that George W. Cyphers purchased an interest and the firm did business under the name of Yeager, Wint & Cyphers. Upon the death of Cyphers about 1873, the interest was purchased by Yeager and Wint, and it was then known as H. D. Yeager & Co.

In 1874 Yeager sold out to F. W. Wint, Owen F. Fatzinger and James P. Wint, the business being carried on under the name of F. W. Wint & Co. Upon the death of F. W. Wint in 1882, Rufus M. Wint became a member of the firm. They continued under the same name until 1900, when the partners organized a stock corporation under the Limited Partnership Laws of the State of Pennsylvania, Frank J. Fatzinger and Owen A. Fatzinger being stockholders. It was then known as "The F. W. Wint Co., Ltd." On April 1st, 1911 Rufus W. G. Wint was admitted as a member to the corporation, and March 30th, 1926, Harleigh F. Fatzinger was admitted.

Rufus M. Wint died October 20th, 1929, and it was shortly after his death that reorganization took place at which time the following officers were elected: Rufus W. G. Wint, President; Harleigh F. Fatzinger, Vice President; Owen A. Fatzinger, Treasurer; Frank J. Fatzinger, Secretary.

Oct. 31, 1941, Owen A. Fatzinger died, leaving the duties of the Treasurer to Frank J. Fatzinger who served both as Treasurer and Secretary. On Feb. 9th, 1947, Harleigh F. Fatzinger died and the business was then carried on by the two remaining partners, Rufus W. G. Wint and Frank J. Fatzinger. In Dec., 1947, just a few weeks before his death, Frank J. Fatzinger sold out his interest to Rufus W. G. Wint, who became the sole owner of the entire stock of the company. The business was continued under the name of "The F. W. Wint Co., Ltd." until January 15th, 1948, when the owner, Rufus W. G. Wint, organized a corporation under the Laws of the Commonwealth with the following officers, and known as "The F. W. Wint Co., Inc.": Rufus W. G. Wint, President; Earl Dornblaser, Vice President; Frederick J. Wint, Treasurer; Lillian A. Camp, Secretary.

Rufus W. G. Wint died Feb. 27, 1948, and Earl Dornblaser in September, 1948, and the corporation was again reorganized, Frederick J. Wint becoming president, Dorothy K. Wint, treasurer and Lillian A. Camp, secretary.

The plant has been enlarged at various times by the addition of a planing mill, supply yard, casket factory, and a large building used for displaying the various styles of caskets manufactured. The above enlargements necessitated the purchase in 1902 of the ground of the Catasauqua Rolling Mills, and in 1924 a tract of ground from the Crane Railroad Co.

The company carries a large stock of lumber and is equipped to furnish anything made from wood. A complete stock of caskets and undertakers' supplies is carried at all times. The sales cover a wide territory, and business is increasing.

LEHIGH THERMOMETER CO.—The pioneer thermometer company in the State was established by George S. Hillenbrand in conjunction with his four brothers, John, William, Louis and Charles, in 1910. It was originally located in a wing of the Lund & Roth Unicorn Ribbon Mill on upper Front Street. In 1916 a building was constructed by the company at 450 Chapel Street, and since occupied by it. Fever Thermometers are a vital need and in great demand by the Medical Corps of the Army during military hostilities. This concern supplied the Medical Corps with better than a quarter million of these instruments during both World Wars. The business is at present conducted by Charles V. Hillenbrand.

FIDELITY MANUFACTURING CO. This business enterprise came to Catasauqua in 1945 from Allentown where it originated in 1928 and was subsequently incorporated in the neighboring state of New Jersey in 1930 with Herman Parmet, as President-Treasurer, and his wife, Belle Parmet, as Secretary.

The brick building at Front and Bridge Streets was leased for the operation, devoted primarily to the development and production of automotive chemical specialties of which there are about 20 different kinds and types. Most of these are original formulas conceived and developed by Mr. Parmet while still others are in process.

The products have been widely accepted and the business eminently successful with established markets in all of the states east of the Mississippi River besides Canada. About 10 to 15 persons are employed.

During the Second World War many thousands of Tube Repair Kits and cans of Rifle Bore Cleanser were also furnished to the Federal Government.

A new modern building of cement block and steel construction with about 7,000 square feet of floor space was just completed and occupied to provide needed capacity and functional improvements. The structure is located south of Bridge Street between Front Street and the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company Canal.

EAGLE BREWING COMPANY

Catasauqua's first and only remaining brewery has a long and very interesting history. It dates back to the year 1852, when Herman Kostenbader and Conrad Schaffer began brewing at the present brewery site. In the year 1876 Conrad Schaffer died and Mr. Kostenbader became sole owner.

During the year 1902 the Kostenbader sons, August F. and Herman A., became partners in the firm. Improvements to the brewery were made at regular intervals. A deep artesian well was added and ice machines for constant temperature were introduced and storage space was enlarged so that, in 1913, four years after the elder Kostenbader's death, the sales amounted to 13,370 barrels. This output, by modern standards, is very small, but for a brewery of that era the sales were considered good and the company was one of Catasauqua's major manufacturers.

In 1921 the Kostenbader's sold their interest in the brewery to a group of coal region investors, who incorporated under the name Eagle Brewing Company, for the purpose of manufacturing near-beer, which was continued to the end of prohibition in 1933.

In 1933 a permit was secured to manufacture real beer. This group continued the operation of the plant until the fall of 1936. In 1936 J. Oliver Doern, Martin Schneider, and Associates purchased the controlling interest. Mr. Doern is a native of New Rochelle, N. Y. Martin Schneider is a native of Karlsruhe, Germany, and Joseph V. Burns, a native of Catasauqua. This group comprised the management. At this time the name of the beer was changed to Old Dutch, and a full scale rebuilding program in the brewery was begun. Sales climbed to the 50,000 barrel mark in 1940, and up to 60,000 barrels in 1941. A new and improved bottling house was completed just prior to the outbreak of World War II, and sizeable additions were made to the brewing and storage capacity.

In 1942 Mr. Doern became actively interested in the Brewers' Association of America, helping to enlist the Pennsylvania breweries in the organization to gain a more equitable distribution of brewing materials during war time scarcity and control. This organization has grown to be one of the major industrial associations in our country, and is today the largest Brewers' Association in America, with executive offices in Chicago and Washington. Mr. Doern was honored by his fellow brewers for his pioneering work in this field by being elected president of the Association in 1949, and served in this capacity for two years. He is now completing his tenth year on the board of directors of the same association. Mr. Doern has also served on government appointed committees relative to the brewing industry.

During the period from 1945 to 1953 sales of Old Dutch Beer continued to increase so rapidly that expansion programs failed to keep up with the public demand for the product. In 1949 one of the finest bottling plants in the country was completed and added to

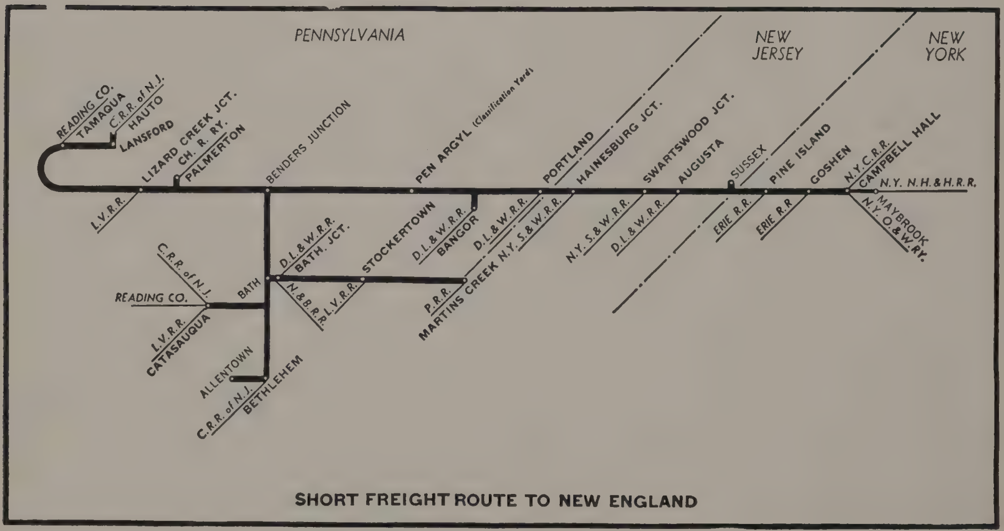
Old Dutch production and capacity. By 1948 the new power plants and additional brewing facilities enabled sales to rise over the 100,000 barrel mark.

1952 was the largest year in the brewery's history, 106,000 barrels . . . . over seven times the production of the Kostenbader Brewery of 1910.

Today Eagle Brewing Company is one of Catasauqua's largest and most widely known manufacturers . . . . a tribute to hard work, sound business principles and foresight of Catasauqua businessmen.

The present officers of the company are: J. Oliver Doern, President; Joseph V. Burns, Secretary-Treasurer; Martin Schneider, Vice President.

LEHIGH & NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD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PALMERTON
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BETHLEHEM

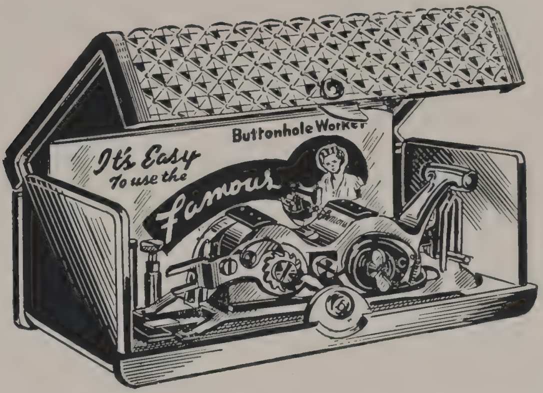
SHORT FREIGHT ROUTE TO NEW ENGLAND

The Lehigh and New England Railroad entered Catasauqua through the construction of a branch line connecting with its Bethlehem Branch at a point just south of Bath, Pa., extending westward to a connection with the Crane Railroad. This branch was completed April 1, 1914, at which time, through the Crane Railroad, the Lehigh and New England Railroad commenced serving the diversified industries of Catasauqua. The Crane Railroad was later purchased by the Lehigh and New England Railroad and full control was assumed December 1, 1914.

The highly concentrated cement producing district of eastern Pennsylvania, the Lehigh Region of the anthracite coal fields, and many large industrial plants are served by the Lehigh and New England Railroad. Through its many connections it serves as an important connecting link between western railroads and New England.

For Fast, Reliable Service Ship Via The Lehigh and New England.

LENOX MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA


Buttonhole Worker
It's Easy To use the Famous

FAMOUS BUTTONHOLE WORKER

The Lenox Manufacturing Company of Pennsylvania is also celebrating an anniversary: 55 years of satisfactory service to the world's sewing machine industry. The original "Famous" Buttonhole Worker was designed, invented and patented by William H. Hargraves in 1898, at which time he also incorporated the Lenox Manufacturing Company of Pennsylvania in Allentown.

In 1902 the company moved to Catasauqua, locating at the present address, 119 Second Street. At the time of William H. Hargraves' demise in 1928, his widow continued as President of the company until her demise in 1945, at which time Florence Hargraves Golden, Alice Hargraves Thomas and Jay H. Hargraves were named heirs to the corporation and presently have controlling interest: John H. Hargraves as President, Florence Golden as Treasurer and Alice Thomas as Secretary.

While many enterprising small manufacturing firms were dropping by the wayside during two World Wars, Lenox was able to survive as the oldest buttonhole manufacturing company in the industry. Constantly changing controls and priorities on materials created an immense problem to supply the sewing machine houses with the full quota allowed by the war production limitations; in addition the concern fulfilled Government contracts. To do this the company had to expand the machine shop so as to have ample resources to employ 62 to 72 men full time and overtime. During this time a small foundry was built in order to use scrap iron for parts when zinc and other metals were on the critical list. All through these trying circumstances imposed on good management, the company never lost a day's work and cannot fail to give due recognition to those faithful employees who have been serving for over 10 to 28 years.

The concern is entering 1953 with more enthusiasm and determination than ever before, since it was through hard work, good management and quality merchandise the "Famous" Buttonhole Worker is now recognized worldwide. Since 1948 the export trade has grown in appreciable amounts. Over the years the "Famous" has gained an enviable reputation with women who sew, for being the indispensble companion to all type sewing machines of domestic and foreign origin.

This popularity is a result of 55 years of engineering skill and production know-how evidenced in the sturdily built "Famous". With its die-cast body and rugged construction it spells a life-time of service in making perfect professional buttonholes at home. In addition to this the concern manufactures the "Famous" 2 in 1 Zipper and Cording Foot.

Each item carries Lenox's unconditional guarantee to be exactly as represented; thus accomplishing the sole purpose for which it was designed by Wm. H. Hargraves. Lenox at all times extends courteous and friendly treatment to warrant the patronage of the oldest supply houses, and their records show many of these firms have been doing business with them for more than 25 years.

R. E. MOYER, INC.

R. E. Moyer, Inc., occupies a part of the historical Davies & Thomas Foundry. The office building at Tenth and Union Streets is used by the consulting engineering organization, Robert E. Moyer Associates, and the corporation's operating organization.

The foundry building, equipped with heavy traveling cranes, has been redeveloped into a modern fabrication plant capable of manufacturing steel and alloy products, special equipment used in power, chemical and process plants. The organization is well staffed to take care of all types of boiler problems and boiler repair work and process equipment fabrication.

The above has been accomplished through the control of licenses and patents on a number of important special products, boilers, and custom manufactured equipment, spun glass pressure vessels and piping manufactured of glass fibre and plastics, and other products.

With the many years of "know-how" many products are being manufactured for some of the largest concerns in America.

The staff includes well-known engineers, industrial specialists, former and active university and college teachers and scientists who have designed and developed many special products such as radar controlled projectiles, rockets, servo-mechanisms, plastic pressure vessels, products and processes and machines involving hydraulics, electronics, combustion, thermodynamics, critical pressure steam generation equipment, etc.

OVER 100 YEARS OF GAS SERVICE

1850 IN THE VALLEY LEHIGH 1953

The history of the Gas Industry in the Lehigh Valley dates back over one hundred years, to the year 1850. In that year Dr. William F. Danowsky of Allentown, erected a small coal gas plant in the yard of his home to manufacture gas for his own use. He later laid a zinc main along Hamilton Street to supply merchants and others. For a while, gas was delivered to persons at a distance from the mains in rubber or leather bags delivered by wagon. It was in this manner that gas was introduced into the City of Bethlehem.

The Easton Gas Company was also granted a charter to supply gas to the City of Easton in the year 1850.

After the introduction of gas into Bethlehem in bags delivered in wagons a company was organized in 1853 called the Bethlehem Gas Company. Other companies were organized on the South and West sides and later merged to form the Bethlehem Consolidated Gas Company.

A few years later gas was introduced into Catasauqua with the organization of the Catasauqua Gas Company in 1856. The streets of Catasauqua were lighted by gas lights for the first time that year.

The introduction of gas into other parts of our territory took place at a much later date. The Emmaus Gas Company was formed in 1907 and the Highland Gas Company at Quakertown in 1909.

On December 15, 1913, the Allentown Gas Company, the Bethlehem Consolidated Gas Company, Peoples Gas Company of Lehigh County and Consumers Gas Company of Northampton County, the latter two being successors to the Catasauqua Gas Company, were merged into the Allentown-Bethlehem Gas Company.

However, it was not until 1945, during the Second World War, that the last link was forged to form the gas system which now supplied our great Lehigh Valley Metropolitan area. On February 1 of that year Allentown-Bethlehem Gas Company acquired the gas properties of Metropolitan Edison Company consisting of the original Easton Gas Works and the gas properties at Nazareth, formerly the Interurban Gas Company, which they acquired in 1929.

Effective at the close of business on December 31, 1952, Allentown-Bethlehem Gas Company was merged with its parent company, The United Gas Improvement Company and became the Lehigh Valley Gas Division of U G I.

Actually Allentown-Bethlehem Gas Company and its predecessor companies have been a part of the U G I System of utility companies since 1885. As the Lehigh Valley Gas Division of the U G I, the same group of 480 local people will continue to make it their daily job to see that modern, efficient gas service, at the lowest possible cost, is brought to your home, your business, your industry, for the hundreds of uses for which you have established its preference.

Records show that in 1901 Allentown Gas Company produced 51,432 M.C.F. of gas. Today six times that much is produced in a single month. In 1905 the company had 30 miles of mains, 33 regular employees and an annual payroll of $32,000. The total revenue for that year was $117,000.

At the present time the Lehigh Valley Gas Division of the United Gas Improvement Company, which is composed of fifty-five predecessor companies, serves 68,000 customers in the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton and 43 Boroughs and Townships in the three counties of Bucks, Lehigh and Northampton, and also sells at wholesale to City Gas Company of Phillipsburg the entire gas supply for Phillipsburg and Washington, N. J.

Gas mains extend from the Delaware River in Easton to a point about ten miles west of Allentown in the direction of Reading, and from Northampton south to Sellersvile. The population of the area is over 300,000. The company owns four manufacturing plants and a network of 688 miles of mains. During the past ten years the use of gas in the area has more than doubled. Today the annual sales are over 4,500,000,000 c.f. Annual revenues are $4,700,000 and the annual payroll is $1,500,000.

THE JOSEPH PARMET CO., INC., located at 752-56 Front Street, is engaged in the manufacture of the One-Wipe Dust Cloth—the first rewashable treated dust cloth ever to be manufactured. The cloth is treated to pick up and hold dust. When it is washed, the dirt comes out, but the dust-absorbing treatment resists laundering. The product is a research development of the president, Joseph Parmet, and has been patented.

This is truly a local product. The research was done in Catasauqua by Joseph Parmet during the latter half of 1949 and the Spring of 1950 at 407 Front Street, which was converted into a chemical laboratory for the purpose.

The first One-Wipe Dust Cloths sold were also sold locally, being placed on sale in early May 1950. The first local stores to carry this product were Croll's Cut Rate, Miller's Department Store, Eugene Hoffman's Economy Store and Geiger's Market.

Today the company employs over 20 people and sells One-Wipe Dust Cloths in thousands of stores throughout the Middle Atlantic, New England and Mid-Western States.

GRAVER TANK & MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.

Graver Tank and Mfg. Co., Inc., (Eastern Division) started it's plant at Catasauqua in 1933. The main office and main plant of the company are located in East Chicago, Ind., with sales offices in many important cities in the United States and some foreign countries. Principal officers of the company are: President, E. N. Gosselin; Executive Vice President, J. E. Swanson; Vice President, (Sales), W. H. Broxham; Secretary and Treasurer, R. F. Dunn. Manager of Operations, (Eastern Division), and Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, located at Catasauqua, is J. T. Ferris.

The original Graver operations were started in 1858 by William Graver, in Allegheny, who began to design, fabricate and erect tanks for storing petroleum products in the early days of the petroleum industry. Operations were subsequently moved to the Chicago area.

The Eastern Division with plant and headquarters at Catasauqua, manufactures tanks of sizes ranging from 550 gallon storage capacity to large field tanks of over six million gallon (140 thousand barrel) storage capacity. The larger tanks must be erected and welded where they will be used by the purchaser, by crews of workmen in territory extending from Maine to Florida. F. H. Burchfield supervises shop activities and C. L. Brown eastern field activities.

Other tanks and weldments are shop assembled, welded and shipped as complete units. The company also manufactures specialties for oil refineries and oil storage tank farms, such as expansion and floating roofs for the conservation of losses through evaporation of petroleum products.

The normal working force of the shop and office at Catasauqua consists of about 130 employees and several hundred employees located in the field, erecting tanks at many locations.

Besides the Eastern Division, at Catasauqua, and the main plant at East Chicago, Ind., Graver Tank and Mfg. Co.. Inc. has divisions in Sand Springs, Oklahoma; Casper, Wyoming and Houston, Texas. It also has a division, with headquarters in New York, devoted to the design, manufacture and sale of water conditioning equipment, known as the Graver Water Conditioning Company, and a construction division, with headquarters in Chicago, known as the Graver Construction Company, devoted to the building of complete refineries and chemical plants throughout the United States and foreign countries.

THE DIAMOND GARAGE was founded 33 years ago by Charles H. Hontz. From 1920 to 1922, it operated at 19 Railroad Street, later the Thomas Garage was purchased. In 1928 a new brick structure was added facing Sixth Street. The business consists of storage, repairs, gas, oil and accessories. The garage has handled Gulf products for the entire 33 years, making it one of the oldest Gulf stations in the Valley. Upon the death of Charles H.

Hontz in 1948, the garage was taken over by his two sons, Charles, Jr. and Gerald who operate it at the present time. The garage has made for itself an excellent reputation for its repairs and good service to its customers.

CAMPBELL C. FEENSTRA, Plumbing and Heating contractor of 407 Walnut Street succeeded Frey Brothers, who were doing business at 212½ Bridge Street. After two years the establishment was moved to 621 Front Street, a location which had been occupied for many years for the operation of the same type of enterprise by Schick & Hausman. Some time later a modern shop was erected to the rear of his residence where he continues to operate the business. The shop is equipped with tools and machines which permits the firm to handle the largest jobs in the field. Mr. Feenstra has conducted his business continuously since 1935.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL of Scranton, Pennsylvania, boasts the world's largest and oldest establishment of this kind. The school is represented locally by Adam Freund of 1013 Fifth Street. Courses in every conceivable category are offered to the public for completion through the mails. Six million students have enrolled since the school's inception in 1891.

JOSEPH SODL conducts the Economy Store located at Second and Arch Streets in North Catasauqua. In 1948 he purchased the store from Cass Myliborski and today carries a full line of groceries, fresh meats and frozen foods.

JAMES E. MISSMER—In 1896, James E. Missmer, with a capital of $50, ventured into mercantile life. He began business in a building at Second and Arch Streets, North Catasauqua. Sometime during this period he became Justice of the Peace, and after having sold a number of dwellings in North Catasauqua, he added real estate to his business.

After retiring from the mercantile business in 1921, he continued in general insurance and as Notary Public. His offices are presently located at 1105 Third Street. For about 10 years he served as treasurer of North Catasauqua and as Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for 12 years. In the latter capacity he served as chief of the division, representing Northampton, Monroe and Pike counties. Mr. Missmer was also secretary of the Selective Service, Local Board 4, Northampton County, during World War I and Local Board 2, Northampton County, during World War II. At present he is serving on Local Board 113, Northampton County.

Mr. Missmer is a member of Grace Methodist Church where he has served as a trustee for many years and has been a choir member since 1908.

CASSIE'S SUNOCO SERVICE STATION, located at Front and Church Streets, is one of the Borough's newest and most modern automobile service centers. The proprietor, Orlando Casciotti, gained knowledge of the mechanical end of the automobile business by actual experience in a garage. In addition to featuring Sunoco products, he makes minor repairs, sells tires, batteries and accessories.

GEO. C. WITT & SONS

Geo. C. Witt & Sons, retail all varieties of flowers and specializes in flower arrangements for all occasions.

In 1925 George C. Witt began the flower business which became known as the Catasauqua Dahlia and Gladioli Gardens. He erected his first greenhouse, 21 by 100 feet, in the fall of 1927. That spring a combination office and workroom was attached to the greenhouse and opened for business under the name of Geo. C. Witt & Sons.

The business continued to grow and in 1937 with the aid of his three sons Raymond G., Charles C., and Leonard G., the office and workroom were torn down and a modern storeroom 20 ft. by 22 ft., a greenhouse 18 ft. by 36 ft. and workroom 18 ft. by 30 ft. were added. At this time membership in the Florists Telegraph Delivery Assn. was secured. This meant that flowers could be sent to all parts of the world through bonded florists. The firm also enjoys membership in the Society of American Florists and Lehigh Valley Florists Assn.

In 1941 additional space was needed so a building 11 ft. by 24 ft. with basement was added to the establishment. War intervened before the plans for this building could be completed. Two of the three sons being called to serve their country.

Upon the return of Leonard and Charles from the armed services in 1946, the largest, best equipped and best lighted retail storage refrigerator in this locality was added.

With the death of Geo. C. Witt in Sept., 1949, the business was continued by the three sons.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CATASAUQUA

Progressive yet conservative, banking geared to the common needs was the purpose for which this Bank was organized in 1857 and thus it became the second bank in Lehigh County. Eli J. Saeger, its first President, had just fairly launched its business when the banking panic of 1857 occurred. Having weathered this storm, the Bank continued through the next 96 years to enjoy the fruits of prosperous times and the burdens of panic and depression, and today because of its successful operations and capable management bears the distinctive title of "Old-Strong-Reliable". It has always been closely identified with the mining, manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile and producing interests of the community.

Its first place of business was in the Thomas Frederick residence on Front Street below Union, now owned and occupied by David Briggs. Next the James Lackey store property was purchased in 1858; this building was remodeled and made suitable as the residence for the Bank's first Cashier, M. H. Horn, Jr., as well as for banking purposes. In 1867 the store was razed and a new structure (now Kulp's Cafe) erected on its old foundation and used by the bank until 1903. In 1902 the bank purchased the Hunt property at the corner of Bridge and Second Streets and built its present home which was completed and its door opened to its first customer on November 2, 1903. The Bank, always progressive, found it necessary to enlarge and modernize its quarters in 1928 and again in 1952—on both occasions the general public thronged the building to view the modern renovations.

The Bank, always endeavoring to supply modern day banking to the people of the community, has from time to time added the following facilities: Checking and Savings Accounts: Christmas Clubs; Safety Deposit Boxes; Night Depository; Travelers Cheques; Letters of Credit; a Trust Department; Loans; Sale and Redemption of U. S. Series "E" Bonds; accepts payment of Witheld Income Taxes, and in recent years has introduced conventional Bank and G. I. mortgages repayable in monthly installments, to bring home ownership within the reach of more people; Consumer Credit Loans—to purchase automobiles, television, appliances, repairs and modernizing of the home; Doctor, hospital, education and tuition fees, and thus the present management continues the principles laid down by its founders 96 years ago, and, in so doing, serve all the people.

The Bank shares in the prosperity of the community, and, as of the close of business February 24, 1953, its deposits had grown to $9,115,554, and its capital funds including reserves amounted to $1,306,330, thereby making a total of Assets and Liabilities of $10,421,885, in addition its Trust Departmennt has increased to $5,444,342.

During its 96 years existence the Bank has had but six Presidents; Howard V. Swartz, the incumbent, has been President since October 6, 1924. He first became associated with the bank in November 1890.

The other Officers and members of the staff are:

Ralph C. Boyer, Executive Vice President	1899
John J. McCartney, Cashier	1947
Charles G. Albert, Trust Officer	1906
James J. Schreiber, Asst. Cashier,	1917
Linda V. Warg, Secretary	1921
Ray L. Costenbader, Teller	1922
Kathryn R. Zerosh Secretary,	1941
Donald B. Hauser, Note Teller	1941
Jean H. Chopp, Note Teller	1943
Betty Roberts, General Ledger	1947
Richard D. Klinger, Teller	1949
Marjorie E. Burke, Bookkeeper	1950
Ruth Kutchera, Bookkeeper	1951
Ronald G. Scheirer, Christmas Club	1952
Rita Gillespie, Trust Dept.	1952
Louise Peters, Part Time	1950
Harry Costenbader, Janitor	1914

Since its organization 97 men have served with distinction on its Board of Directors. These men have always been prominently identified with the business, industrial and professional life of the community and its environs. The present Board of Directors is composed of the following men:

Russell F. C. Benfer, Register of Wills of Lehigh County, elected Jan. 9, 1951.

Ralph C. Boyer, Executive Vice President, elected May 29, 1933.

Alfred E. Douglass Chairman of Board of Allentown Portland Cement Co., Chairman of Executive Committee of Fuller Co., President, Valley Forge Cement Co., elected July 18, 1938.

James W. Fuller, President of Fuller Company, elected Jan. 20, 1941.

Alvin L. Hacker, Farm Editor, Call-Chronicde Newspapers, elected Jan. 9, 1951.

H. Morley Holton, Insurance, elected Sept. 21, 1925.

Henry A. Miller, Merchant, elected Sept. 16, 1946.

Dr. Ralph J. Minner, Dentist, elected Jan. 17, 1949.

Howard V. Swartz, President, elected Jan. 10, 1916.

Fred J. Walker, Insurance, elected July 14, 1947.

Some of the more important dates in the history of the Bank:

May 5, 1857—Chartered as "The Bank of Catasauqua."

Sept. 9, 1857—First Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sept. 17, 1857—First day of business.

Nov. 2, 1858—First Dividend declared.

June 20, 1865—Converted into a National Bank, and became "The National Bank of Catasauqua."

June, 1895—Became Charter Member of Pennsylvania Bankers Asso.

Nov. 2, 1903—New Building, Second and Bridge Streets.

April 13, 1914—Became Member of Federal Reserve System.

June 26, 1919—Received Power to transact Trust Functions.

April 21, 1921—Became Charter Member of Northampton County Bankers Association.

Feb. 13, 1928—Renovated, enlarged and modernized banking quarters.

March 15, 1933—Licensed to re-open after Banking Holiday of 1933.

June 16, 1933—Became Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Mar. 22, 1938—Became Charter Member of Lehigh County Bankers Asso.

April 25, 1952—Renovated and modernized Banking Quarters.

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THE BEN FRANKLIN STORE

The original "5 and 10 cent" store was established in 1910 by A. J. Etheredge & Co. in the store building at 523 Front Street, now the Moose Home. In 1935 James S. Quick took over the business and in 1949 decided that increased business demanded larger quarters.

June, 1950, a new Ben Franklin "5 and 10" was opened in the newly-renovated building at 427-429 Front Street. With new fixtures throughout and 500 additional square feet of floor space, the business continued to grow.

For the convenience of the public, Mrs. Evelyn Quick, the present owner, has decided to open a self-service "5 and 10" in the near future.

The Ben Franklin "5 and 10's" are nationally known. (The individual stores are locally owned and operated. Butler Brothers, the largest distributing house in the world, has established a channel for variety goods for all Ben Franklin Stores throughout the country. Approximately 1500 of this type stores are in existence today.)

HECKENBERGER DRUG STORE

In 1874 William Heckenberger purchased the property at 145 Front Street, Catasauqua, remodeled the store and opened a Drug Store, (Die Deutsche Apotheke). Mr. Heckenberger was the oldest son of the well-known veterinarian, William A. Heckenberger. While a member of the senior class in high school, he was offered an apprenticeship in the drug store owned by John Black on Front Street above Bridge. He accepted the position and served his time after which he attended the College of Pharmacy, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated March 10, 1874. He conducted his drug store from the fall of 1874 until his death, January 16, 1914. His son, William W. Heckenberger succeeded his father in business immediately after his graduation from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in June, 1914. William W. Heckenberger is a graduate of Catasauqua High School, Class of 1911. During the time intervening William Heckenberger's death and the occupancy of the store by his son, Mrs. Cora Heckenberger secured the services of Dr. Lockman of Allentown, a registered druggist, as manager of the store. She also renovated the store and installed an up-to-date Walrus soda fountain.

William W. Heckenberger conducted the business at 145 Front Street from June, 1914, until July, 1918, at which time he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, World War I, serving as Chief Pharmacist Mate on the S. S. 684. During his enlistment the business was again conducted by his mother with the services of a registered Pharmacist as manager.

In September, 1920, Cora E. Heckenberger purchased the property at 601 Front Street, formerly occupied by the Laubach Tobacco Store and the Weisley Grocery Store. After extensive alterations and remodeling this property became the site of their new drug store, a completely equipped, modern and adequately stocked pharmacy, together with a modern soda fountain and soda grille.

From 1874 to the present time Mr. Heckenberger, Sr. and his son have held the faith and confidence of the citizens of the town as shown by their continued support and patronage, and during this period of time, or a span of eighty years, the Heckenberger Drug Store has been in continuous operation in the Borough of Catasauqua.

ROBERT E. SIMMERS & SON—With offices at 1022 Sixth Street, Robert E. Simmers & Son are engaged in the general contracting and roofing business. They specialize in carpenter work and general painting. The business was established in 1926 and has since been conducted successfully by the firm.

THE MILSON COAL COMPANY was established in August, 1897, and has been in continuous operation since that time. The firm handles sand, stone, and cement as well as premium anthracite coal. The office and the coal yard are located on Lehigh Street along the old canal below Race Street.

TRI-CITY YORK COMPANY, INC.— A newcomer to Catasauqua is the Tri-City York Co., Inc., of 18 West Race Street. This company was started in Allentown in 1937 by Alfred R. Roesch, Registered Professional Engineer, now its President, as a sales, service and engineering organization to distribute products manufactured by the York Corporation of York, Pa., in a territory comprising Lehigh, Northamptan, Carbon and Monroe Counties in Pennsylvania and adjacent Warren County in New Jersey. It was incorporated in 1949 under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and transferred its principal office to the Race Street address in 1952 after building modern air conditioned offices. The company employs 15 skilled mechanics in its erection and service department and 10 persons in its sales and management organization.

They are the exclusive distributor for the York Corporation air conditioning and refrigeration products which have been manufactured by the same concern for over 80 years. York is recognized as the leader in its field. There are over 1000 installations made by Tri-City York Co,, Inc., in the Lehigh Valley, serving the food industry as well as many manufacturing plants that use control of temperature or humidity for efficient production. Many comfort cooling installations are now being made in offices, retail stores, public buildings and residences by the company.

IMP'S HOTEL, established at 1125 Third Street in 1950 is operated by Joseph S. Imp. The present building contains a bar, living quarters and ten rooms which may be rented.

LEONARD MOTOR SALES located at 331 Second Street is the oldest new car dealer in town. The business is operated in a building which was purchased from The National Bank of Catasauqua. The building was erected by the Crane Iron Co. to stable their horses and carts that were used to haul iron ore from Shoenersville to the furnaces on Front Street.

Remodeling of the quarters was completed in 1943; the large show window was added in 1949. The proprietor, Nat Weisman, organized the firm in 1934. Employees now number 18 including salesmen, office personnel, mechanics and body repairmen. Besides the new car lines by DeSoto and Plymouth a large assortment of dependable used cars are offered for sale. Factory approved service and genuine parts are part of the establishment's regular supply to its customers.

THE MANSION HOUSE, 415 Front Street, was erected by Capt. Henry Harte during the sixties. After a tenure of some years, his son Lewis K. succeeded him. Other proprietors were Albert Fry, Frank Medlar, Hopkins and Harteg, until Harteg sold out to Hopkins who continued until he conveyed the property to Henry R. Blocker on January 24, 1889. Successors to Mr. Blocker were Chippie Feenstra, John "Boss" Petrie, "Boss' " son Edward, Howard Walker and Michael Olejack. The latter sold the business to Willis E. Fenstermaker in April, 1944. The establishment contains 20 rooms and is equipped with hot and cold water, steam heat, modern plumbing and lighting and telephone service.

OLIVER S. BURKHOLDER & SON

Oliver S. Burkholder, senior member, located in Catasauqua in 1928. He became silent partner and later successor to the firm of Frederick & Scherer, 208 Front Street, Catasauqua. In May, 1932, Mr. Burkholder purchased the present building, which was known as the Peckitt residence. The home was renovated and now is one of the most modern funeral homes in the Lehigh Valley.

Thomas A. Burkholder, son of Oliver S. Burkholder, junior member, was graduated from Catasauqua High School and the Eckels College of Embalming and Sanitary Science. After serving in the armed services of World War II he became associated with his father as a busines manager. In January, 1952, he purchased a half interest and a partnership in the business.

THE LEHIGH NATIONAL BANK

Due to growth in population and increased and industrial expansion in the community, a number of business and professional men considered the establishment of a new banking house in Catasauqua and upon application to the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States, a charter was granted in June, 1906. Temporary quarters were secured at 423 Front Street, the building now occupied by the Catasauqua News Agency and on August 1, 1906, the bank opened its doors for business.

Shortly afterward, the site at Front and Bridge Streets, where once stood the James Swartz residence and office building, was purchased by the newly-organized institution. The old buildings then occupied by the Post Office, the residence of the Postmaster, storerooms on the first floor and offices on the second floor, were razed and plans made for the erection of the bank and office buildings, and operations commenced May 1, 1909.

The bank moved to its new location May of 1910. When the building was then completed it was thought it would be sufficiently large to take care of the needs of the bank for many years. However, as the bank grew, it was found necessary to enlarge and modernize the banking quarters.

The two-story building is 45 ft. on Front Street and 77 ft. on Bridge Street. It is Colonial in design, the materials being Corning Terra Cotta, with copper cornices, and Wyoming blue stone trimming. The banking room was on the corner 25 ft. by 75 ft. in dimension, and a store 16 ft. by 77 ft. on the South portion of the building; this storeroom was occupied by J. C. Beitel and Son and Robert J. Beitel, Jewelers, from 1910 to February, 1951, when they removed to 511 Front Street.

The Directors' Room is on the second floor, accessible only from the bank room by a stairway. Fine office rooms occupy the other portion of the second floor, these rooms now being occupied by Attorney Thomas E. Weaver and Attorney Clinton T. Snyder.

Extensive renovations and a modernized program was inaugurated in 1951 and on February 14, 1953 the formal opening of the enlarged and remodeled quarters took place. The banking room was enlarged and the former Beitel Jewelry Store added to the banking space. New entrance doors were installed and the lobby enlarged and remodeled. A new lighting system, acoustic ceiling, new tellers' counters, check desks, and private and open offices were added. The woodwork throughout is rich walnut, beautifully finished and paneled. A new book vault and stationery vault were also built and an emergency vault ventilator, new furniture, carpets, equipment and labor-saving machines installed.

The Directors' Room and the second floor offices were remodeled and modernized.

The front of the building was also rebuilt at the former store display window and the entire exterior of the building sandblasted.

The Directors are Robert J. Beitel, John S. Matchette, Guy E. Mauser, Edwin J. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Sr., Dr. Wm. B. Trexler, Frederick J. Wint and Dr. Harry S. Beitel.

The present personnel of the bank is as follows: President, Guy E. Mauser; Vice Presidents, Robert J. Beitel and Edwin J. Smith; Cashier and Trust Officer, John S. Matchette; Assistant Cashier and Assistant Trust Officer, Samuel H. Danner; Teller and General Ledger Bookkeeper, Francis P. Burns; Teller and Individual Ledger Bookkeeper, Earl M. Young; Teller and Stenographer, Miss Blodwyn M. Powell; Christmas Savings Clerk and Individual Ledger Bookkeeper, Miss Hazel I. Oldt; Bookkeepers, Mrs. Anna C. Zimmerman and Mrs. Evelyn M. Helker; Clerks, Mrs. Sara Jane Siegfried and Miss Faye L. Schaffer; Custodian of the Building, Henry A. Stolz. Attorney Thomas E. Weaver is the solicitor for the bank.

CLINTON T. SNYDER, ESQ., son of the late Uriah E. and Emma VanBuskirk Snyder, was graduated from the schools of Hanover Township in 1900, after which he became a machinist's apprentice at the Davies & Thomas plant.

Later he decided upon a business career and attended Perkiomen Seminary, where he graduated with the class of 1910. The following year he became a student in the Dickinson Law School, completing his studies in 1914. After passing the State Board Bar examination he was admitted to practice in the Lehigh County Courts.

He was a member of the first contingent which left for Camp Meade on September 17, 1917. Being assigned to the 316th Infantry Machine Gun Company of the 79th Division, he went overseas with the division in July, 1918, and participated in several of the major engagements with his unit. He was honorably discharged in August, 1919.

Mr. Snyder was one of the organizers of the Catasauqua Post, No. 215, American Legion, and served as the second commander. He is still active in its affairs.

Since 1919 Mr. Snyder has been practicing law with offices in the Lehigh National Bank Building. He served for a number of years as solicitor for the Borough of Catasauqua. In 1930 he resigned to take the office of tax collector, an office which he holds at the present time.

HEAVY'S BEVERAGES, distributors of malt beverages and soft drinks, are located at 623 Front Street. Local beer distributing has been conducted at the location since the partnership was organized in November, 1945.

The partners are John "Heavy" Salivonchik, and Peter "Pat" Grason, both residents of the borough. John is the father of two sons and Pete has a girl and boy.

Pete served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945. Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea he was recalled to duty as a Naval Reservist and served for another year.

HOFFMAN'S MARKET

Like most American business institutions, Hoffman Market in Catasauqua began in a small way. In May of 1929 (just before the great depression of the 30's), Eugene Hoffman bought himself an inexpensive truck and started delivery of fresh produce in the Borough of Catasauqua. In April of 1930, the first Hoffman Store was opened at 1858 Main Street, Northampton, and in September, 1940, the store at 711 Race Street was opened.

The Hoffman Market, during the last 13 years, has added substantially to the business stature of Catasauqua and the surrounding communities. The efficient operation of this store has made good food and household supplies available to hundreds of families at thrifty prices.

In all these years Eugene and Hilda Hoffman have remained loyal residents of this community. They help pay taxes, patronize other businesses in Catasauqua and employ its citizens. They study your wants and buying habits and know best how to serve you. They believe that they are helping to make Catasauqua a good place in which to live by offering a variety of food at reasonable prices.

Eugene and Hilda Hoffman, at their store, 711 Race Street, look forward with genuine pleasure to serving the folks of Catasauqua with food and household supplies in the years that lie ahead.

HOFFMAN MARKET

LEHIGH BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION—The Lehigh Building and Loan Association of Catasauqua is one of the outstanding financial corporations in the Lehigh Valley. It was established in 1910 and since its organization has had a most successful career and in its operations has furnished thousands of dollars on first mortgage loans to residents of the community in extending financial aid in repairing, improving and acquiring their own homes.

It has also been a means of accumulating savings for hundreds of people through their purchase of installment stock by payments of one dollar per month per share and when these monthly payments, together with the accumulated interest, amounted to $200, the shares matured. During its entire existence, the Association has, without exception, paid out its matured shares each year and in addition has added substantial amounts to its reserves.

The Association is capitalized at Five Million dollars, divided into 25,000 shares at $200 each.

The officers are: August S. Hohl, President; Guy E. Mauser, Vice President; Samuel H. Danner, Secretary; John S. Matchette, Treasurer, and Thomas E. Weaver, solicitor. Other members of the Board are: James E. Missmer, Edwin J. Smith and Harry B. Smith, Sr.

HELEN'S BEAUTY SHOP operated by Miss Helen Wonderly was opened at 208 Bridge Street 23 years ago. Later the business was moved to 425 Front Street, but in 1948 she moved to her present location at 524 Kurtz Street.

ROY S. REED, a native of Jeannesville, Luzerne County, began the plumbing and heating business at 1109 Eighth Street, where he has been located for 39 years. He has the sole agency for Weil McLain heaters and Petro Oil Burners. After attending the North Catasauqua schools he worked at the Bryden Horse Shoe Works, and studied plumbing during his spare time. For a time he was in the employ of the Clear Springs Water Co. Two sons, Stanley N. and Raymond P. are associated with their father in business.

FRANK'S LUNCH — located at 215 Bridge Street is owned and operated by Frank and Emma Bahl, who came to Catasauqua in 1945 from Allentown, to take over a candy and ice cream shop shop located at 129 Bridge Street. In a short period of progress this shop became famous in our community for famous "Frank's," steak sandwiches, coffee, and many other light lunch dishes.

June 1, 1953, climaxed this era of progress, with the opening of the "All New Frank's", 215 Bridge Street. The famous dishes are still served, but a great many new specialties are available, due to the additional kitchen space. More patrons can be accommodated due to larger counter and booth seating space.

Assorted candies, nuts, drugs, and a complete line of magazines and Sunday papers are available.

The success of the business is attributed to the fine service rendered to the many customers and friends during the years they have been in business.

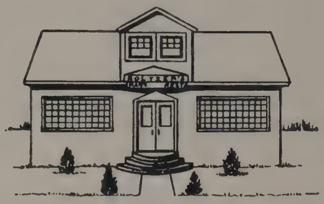
HICKORY GROVE — Catasauqua's first commercial florist, was established in 1918. A property of two acres was bought by John C. Witt from Joseph Breinig, at Grove Street, east of Howertown Road. One greenhouse was built, growing a variety of potted plants and cut flowers. Soon the necessity for more glass space was apparent, and more houses were built.

Over this period of time Mr. Witt studied the growing of cyclamen, and today supplies a big demand for this plant. In the spring, vegetable and flowering plants are sold to a retail as well as wholesale trade. For the past 20 years Mr. Witt has found this locale extremely satisfactory for the growing of snapdragons, both seedlings and transplants. This trade carries the name of Catasauqua literally from Maine to Florida and as far west as Iowa.

Since its establishment 35 years ago, Hickory Grove has also arranged flowers for all occasions. This portion of the work is now under the management of Mr. Witt's daughter.

KULP'S CAFE—139 Front Street, was originally a general store operated by James Lackey. In 1858, the property was purchased by the National Bank of Catasauqua and transformed into a banking house. In 1903, the bank moved to its present location, and sold the property to Lovine Miller and John G. Sacks, who converted it into the Imperial Hotel and became its first proprietors. The property has been a hotel since that time with several owners. The present owner, Howard Kulp, took possession in November, 1948.

HOLTZER'S RESTAURANT was established in March, 1937, by Theodore Holtzer and his wife, who moved from Bowmanstown and took over the former Danner's Restaurant, 1051 Howertown Road. Their son Willard and his wife Agnes, (nee Heiney), took over the business in 1942.



Four years later they built the new restaurant at Howertown and Grove Streets. The new establishment brightened a dark corner where once stood a large billboard.

The business continues under the cooperation of Willard, Agnes, and Mrs. Gussie Holtzer.

ANGELO'S SHOE SERVICE—Angelo Ingelese, who learned shoemaking in his native Italy, opened a shoe repair shop at 511 Front Street in 1915. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1917, served overseas and received an honorable discharge in 1918. For 21 years he was in business at 407 Front Street. He then purchased a building at 207 Bridge Street where he operates a modern shoe repair shop.

DAKU'S AUTO BODY SHOP — A large garage with apartments on the second floor was built by Elek Daku in 1948 and in October of that year he opened an auto body shop. He is equipped to do all body and fender work and has built up a fine reputation The shop is located at 1135 Howertown Road.

THE SMITH CANDY COMPANY

The wholesale candy business in Catasauqua was begun in 1895 by Wilson J. Smith who located in the basement of the J. J. Seyfried general store on Race Street. Three years later the brick building at 524-26 Race Street was purchased and remodeled.

In 1904, Edwin J. Smith became a partner in the business and additional employees were hired. Deliveries were increased through the use of three double horse teams. A farm located on land where the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport is now built was purchased in order to keep the ten horses in good condition.

In 1910, the company purchased a Mack Truck which was one of the first trucks used for delivery purposes in the Lehigh Valley. Deep mud, however, often prevented its use in Spring and Fall on unimproved country roads.

The airport farm was sold in 1914, and the company motorized the entire delivery service.

Harry B. Smith, Sr., became a partner of the company, in 1914. The company then located at its present site, 15-17 Race Street, and built a large addition to the building to increase its manufacturing facilities of candies and chocolates.

The company expanded in 1948 and James E. B. Smith, son of Edwin J. Smith; and Harry B. Smith, Jr., son of Harry B. Smith, Sr., became partners.

PONTIAC
SALES
FALK'S
GARAGE
PONTIAC
SERVICE

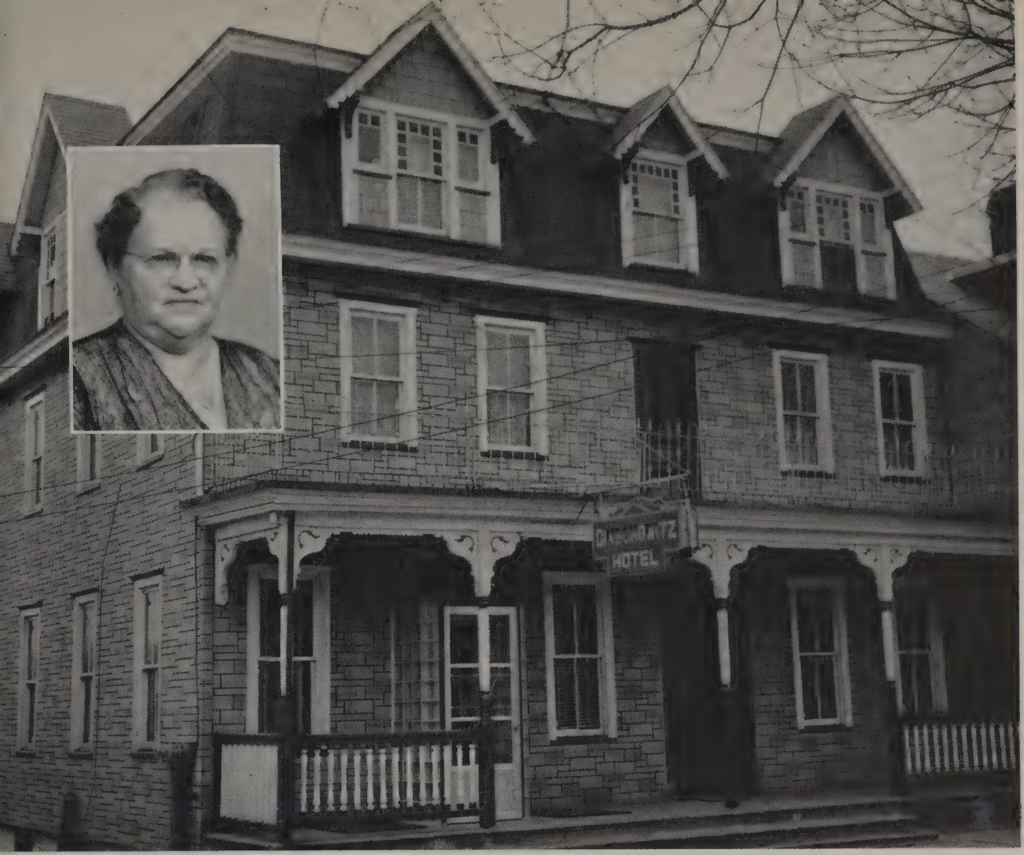
FALK'S GARAGE is located on the southeast corner of Howertown Road and Walnut Street. The business while located in Northampton was known as George J. Falk, when the father and son became associated with automobile industry. In 1941 the building at the above location was purchased and used for Pontiac Sales and Service. In 1945 Mr. George J. Falk retired at which time the establishment assumed its present name and continued under the joint direction of Mr. Falk's sons, Harvey and Elmer.

THOMAS E. WEAVER, ESQ., was educated in the public schools of Catasauqua, Gettysburg Academy, Gettysburg College, A. B., 1925, and Dickinson School of Law, LL. B., 1928. He has served as Assistant District Attorney of Lehigh County and is serving as Solicitor for the Borough of Catasauqua, Catasauqua Joint School District and their respective Authorities.

Mr. Weaver has been President of Lehigh County Bar Association, Catasauqua Rotary Club and Catasauqua Library Association, and is presently treasurer of Catasauqua Rotary Club and a director of the Catasauqua Boys' Club. He is a member of Lehigh Consistory, Porter Lodge No. 284, F. and A. M. and Past High Priest of Catasáuqua Royal Arch Chapter, No. 278.

Affiliated with Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua, he has served on the board of trustees and is presently an elder and superintendent of the Sunday Church School. He was a commissioner from Lehigh Presbytery to the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in 1951, and is a trustee of Lehigh Presbytery and a member of its committees on National Missions and Judicial Business.

Mr. Weaver is married to the former Emma Heagy Brennerman, a graduate of Dickinson College, 1926. The Weavers have three children, Janet L., who was graduated from Dickinson College with the Class of 1952, Thomas E., Jr., a student at Gettysburg College, and Ralph S., a student at Mercersburg Academy.



NORTHAMPTON HOUSE

This hotel is one of the oldest hotels in North Catasauqua, although the exact date of its establishment has been lost. David Jones was proprietor at the close of the eighties. In 1890, the proprietorship passed into the hands of Alfred Hahn, whose tenure lasted but two years. Mr. Hahn, however, accomplished a marvelous feat. Without a dollar to his credit, he erected the beautiful three-story frame structure still standing on the eastern approach to the Hokendauqua Bridge, and furnished it in first-class style. Joseph Gorman acquired the property through a forced sale and after seven months passed the property over to Daniel H. Harris whose tenure was twenty-one years. Claude Feenstra, Charlie Groller, Frank Hessinger, Frank Kaintz and Joseph Shriner were former proprietors.

In September, 1929, Joseph and Theresa Dinbokowitz acquired ownership of the Northampton House at 1122 Front Street. He operated the business until his death July 4th, 1938. His wife, Theresa has managed the hotel to this date with the assistance of their seven children: Frank, Joseph, Theresa, Rose, Rupert, John and William.

The hotel has three floors, 15 bedrooms, barroon, dining room, kitchen, and five apartments that were completed in March, 1953. The house accommodates thirty-four people, is heated by steam, illuminated by gas and electricity, and furnished with hot and cold water.

FINNEGAN'S HOTEL—which prior to 1898 was a frame building erected by Samuel J. Koehler on the southeast corner of Mulberry Street and Howertown Road was originally a general store and dwelling. After a short time Mr. Koehler converted the business place into a hotel and held a license until 1902. Mordecai Markward obtained the license in that year and operated the hotel until 1918 when he sold the property to Martin Schneider.

Mr. Schneider conducted the business for 23 years during which time he materially changed the appearance of the building by removing the weatherboards and replacing them with a stucco finish which gave it a modernistic look. The construction of the present dining room, which accommodates 50 patrons, was completed in 1934. Mr. Schneider, who by this time had become widely known in the brewing business through his association with several breweries as a brewmaster, sold his business to Michael S. Bock.

Mr. Bock maintained the establishment from 1941 through World War II and the post war period until 1951 when he sold it to the present owners, Robert and Marion Finnegan.

Recognizing the need for present day beautification the co-owners remodeled and redecorated the interior. A large assortment of delicious food is served including several seafood varieties and tasty sandwiches. A well-stocked kitchen assures you of prompt service when your desire is good food.

LYNCH AND DUGAN GARAGE — Philip Lynch and Nicholas Dugan were the first men in Catasauqua to pioneer and capitalize on the invention of the horseless carriage. These men started a small automobile repair shop at their present location, 115 Pine Street, in 1911. Their first shop in 1913 was a converted merry-go-round, which stood at the rear of the present garage. They became agents for the Ford Motor Company, in 1914, and sold pleasure cars, trucks and tractors until 1925.

Through sound and reliable business practices, their business continued to grow. In 1923, they purchased the Village Blacksmith Shop directly across the street, better known as Pappy Fahler's. On this site they built a modern repair shop and showroom.

Discontinuing the Ford Agency they changed to the Hudson-Essex Agency, which they operated until 1925. Later they became associated with the Durant Motor Car Company as their agents, and sold Flint, Durant and Star cars. In 1928, they again became associated with the Ford Motor Company until 1932, when they discontinued selling cars, but continued to repair and service automobiles.

A & P FOOD STORES — 135 Bridge Street. "To what do you attribute your long and successful life?" a newsman usually asks a person who is celebrating a 100th birthday. If Catasauqua could answer this question we think it would cite principally: *Civic-minded citizens; efficient businessmen; hearty, well-fed families.*

A & P (itself celebrating 94 years of service) congratulates Catasauqua on its first 100 years and hopes to continue contributing toward these three factors for Catasauqua's next century of successful life.

M. C. VANAUKEN—Previous to establishing his present business, M. C. VanAuken, with offices and shop at Hickory and Railroad Streets, spent many years in the general construction business, 16½ of which were with the late Charles O. Hunsicker, attorney and builder. The last 11 years he was superintendent of construction and maintenance. He served four years as foreman in the construction service department of the Bethlehem Steel Co.

In 1946 he attained the roofing, sheet metal and warm air heat business conducted by Nicholas Kartye, 108 Church Street. He remained at that location until December, 1952, when he moved into the new building at the above address.

Since locating in Catasauqua Mr. VanAuken has taken a great interest in the advancement of the community. He is vice president of the Catasauqua Rotary Club, chairman of the Christmas lighting committee of the Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of the 1953 Red Cross Appeal. He is enrolled in a number of Masonic bodies.

HAUSER MEAT MARKET—Alvin A. Hauser started in business in 1901 making deliveries through Catasauqua and Northampton. In 1918 Harold A. J. Hauser started to work for his father until the time of his death in 1932. In 1935 he started in business for himself at the old stand at 502 Race Street where he still operates a meat market and grocery store, and makes deliveries through Catasauqua and Fullerton. His daughter Nancy Steitz is employed as a clerk. He makes a specialty of fresh and smoked sausage and sells a good grade of quality meats.

WOTRING CO., owned by Kenneth Wotring, is almost exclusively a mail order business selling directly to women throughout the 48 states and a few foreign countries. Besides the principal items of ribbons and laces, other needlecraft supplies such as embroideries, seam binding, rickrack, and zippers, are also sold.

The first Wotring Co. advertisement appeared nationally in the winter of 1948. In the beginning the business was a part-time venture conducted in the basement of Ken Wotring's home at 326 Peach Street. In July, 1951, his business was moved to a new home at 850 Church Street and is operated full time by the owner and two employees.

HASSLER'S GROCERY, 143 Front Street, represents a father-son combination. In 1946, Kenneth Hassler, son of Elroy Hassler, took over the management of the store.

Originally, Mr. Elroy Hassler purchased from E. W. Deily the store located at 203 Front Street. He continued in business at the above address under the management of Edward Messinger.

In 1944 Mr. Hassler purchased from the late Elmer E. Erdman the present place of business.

JOSEPH GEIGER, launched his career as a barber by serving his apprenticeship under Clarence Bachman. For a period of 10 years the business was conducted at No. 5 Front Street. During the years of World War II, six years were served as a steelworker. No. 11 Second Street was selected as the site for reopening his shop at which address he now serves the public.

APPLE'S STORE, 464 Race Street, was purchased from George Goldsmith on June 20, 1916. The store, originally known as the J. J. Seyfried Store, was established in 1897. As years went by and times changed, so did the variety of merchandise offered for sale in this store. Today one is able to purchase Ice Cream, Sodas, and Sundaes at the Soda Fountain; also drugs, magazines, cold meats, produce, as well as a large variety of top groceries at moderate prices.

CROLL'S CUT RATE STORE was established in 1948, and is a continuation of the Lawall drug store which was established in 1856 by Jacob S. Lawall. The Lawall family gave 91 years of service to Catasauqua. Robert E. Croll, the present proprietor, aims to serve the community as well as those before him. He has changed to semi-self-service merchandising. This store was once the scene of the only soda-fountain in Catasauqua. In February, 1952, Mr. Croll installed a modern soda-fountain.

SCHUNK'S HOTEL—One of the oldest existing "Brooks High Licenses" is held by Frank and Mercedes Schunk, proprietors of Schunk's Hotel at 223 Front Street. This license was originally issued to the Pennsylvania Hotel. It contains twenty rooms and has the largest bar in Catasauqua. They carry a full line of platters and a fine assortment of beers, wines and liquors and make a specialty of pizza pies and spaghetti. Mr. Schunk's son, James, is the manager and the other son, John, is the assistant manager. They are ably assisted in their duties by Vincent O'Connell and Carl Platzer.

UNITED DYEING & FINISHING started operations in the former Wahnetah building in October, 1949. The firm operates a commercial dyehouse and finishing plant which handles and processes tubular knit products, primarily cottons. The company also process, dye and finish nylons, wools and the various new synthetic fibers.

United Dyeing caters to customers from the local Pennsylvania area and the Metropolitan New York area.

The fabrics that are dyed and finished go into the making of tee shirts, polo shirts, underwear, dresses, blouses and various other items.

United employs about 50 people.

GILLESPIE INSURANCE AGENCY operated by Harold L. and Irene M. Gillespie at 528 Second Street, was begun in April, 1928, with the selling of Casualty Insurance. Fire Insurance and allied lines were added and in 1933 Mrs. Gillespie was also licensed in Fire and Casualty Insurance. Since 1941, she has also served as a Notary Public.

In 1948 the Gillespie Insurance Agency purchased the fire insurance business conducted by Grant Sheckler prior to his death. The agency adopted the special school child accident insurance in September 1952.

Mr. Gillespie served as president of the Lehigh Association of Insurance Agents for the fiscal year 1951-52. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie are members of the local Pennsylvania and National Association of Insurance men and women and are licensed as agents and brokers by the Insurance Department of Pennsylvania.

HARVEY R. SAYLOR

An outstanding funeral home in this community is the one established in 1945 at 1064 Fifth Street, by Harvey R. Saylor. He is a native of Shoenersville and after attending the schools of Hanover Township he continued his studies at Catasauqua High School from which he graduated in 1928. He then entered the Collier School of Embalming Technique in New York City and graduated from there in 1931. Coming to Catasauqua he served an apprenticeship at the Elmer E. Erdman funeral home, and in 1935 he was licensed by the State Board of Funeral Directors.

In 1937 he established funeral parlors in Danielsville, which he conducted successfully in that community until 1945, when he decided to locate in Catasauqua, where he purchased the commodious quarters at his present address. The building was completely remodeled and the entire first floor equipped as a modern funeral home.

Since his return to Catasauqua he has conducted a successful business and enjoys the confidence and respect of the community. He is a member of several fraternal organizations and the Porter Club and the Catasauqua Club. He is married to the former Barbara Seyfried.

THE ARLINGTON HOTEL, originally known as the Northampton House, currently operated by B. P. Fritchey at 223 Eugene Street, was built in 1892 by Al Hahn. Anthony Fritchey took over the business in 1896 and when he died in 1933 as a result of an automobile accident, the hotel was conducted by Anthony, Jr. Again, the management changed hands when, in 1936, Edward Fritchey took over. The present proprietor acquired the hotel in 1941 at which time it was remodeled to include four apartments instead of the original 32 rooms. The hotel caters to transient trade. Meals and platters are served.

BENNER'S RESTAURANT — This restaurant known for its "Pennsylvania Dutch Cooking," was established 15 years ago by George Benner. He conducted business at 427 Front Street for ten years and has been at his present location at 120 Front Street for five years. It is famous for home-made pies, platters, sandwiches, barbecues, and home-made soups.

ROCKEL'S GARAGE was founded in 1930 by Lewis Rockel with quarters at 1013 Crane Street. General repair work on cars and trucks is a specialty. The garage has been designated an official state inspection station. Mr. Rockel is in the process of moving his place of business to a larger, modern building which is nearing completion as this book goes to press. Occupancy of the new premises is expected to take place early this summer. Prompt and efficient service and repairs to your automotive equipment are assured.

MORROW'S ESSO SERVICE STATION—With more than 20 years of Esso Service to his credit, David Morrow took over the Morrow Esso Service Station, Howertown and School Street, in 1950. The service station was originally established by Martin Schneider in 1929. A dealer for the Esso Standard Oil Company, Mr. Morrow services cars, sells gasoline, oil and accessories.

RAY DEIBERT, electrical contractor, 111 Howertown Road, entered business in 1935, after having worked for leading electrical contractors in the Lehigh Valley for a number of years. He has many installations to his credit in the Catasauqua and Northampton area.

CARL GIERING, present operator of a two-chair barber shop, at 115 Bridge Street, served as an apprentice under his father, the late Oliver H. Giering, who operated a shop at 509 Second Street, originally purchased from Edwin Weiss in 1903.

Later, Carl operated the William Roxberry shop at 527 Front Street, but returned to take over his father's shop in July, 1929. Mr. Giering purchased and returned to the Roxberry shop on October 1, 1930, remaining there until July 1, 1935, when he moved to his present location. Andrew Skripek, operator of the second chair, has been in Mr. Giering's employ for 17 years.

JONAS L. YOUNG purchased the property at 501 Kurtz Street, on October 15, 1922. After building an addition to the front portion of his home Mr. Young established a general grocery store in January, 1923. Mr. Young is rounding out his 30th year of service as a neighborhood grocer.

RETZLER'S CONFECTIONERY STORE

Retzler's Store, located at 236 Second Street, was established March 29, 1909, by Nicholas Retzler, who manufactured cigars and conducted a confectionery until Aug. 17, 1917. At that time he entered the ice cream manufacturing, retailing and wholesaling fields.

In 1939 novelties and cut-rate proprietary medicines were added to the merchandising lines. Today Retzler's well-stocked store is outstanding in appearance and quality of merchandise sold.

Retzlers
ICE CREAM
Valentines
CANDIES
VALENTINES

GEIGER'S RESTAURANT — Theodore J. Geiger, the founder of the seafood business, built the hotel on Race Street, now known as Batori's Cafe, in 1896. The following year, he took charge of the Eagle Brewery Cafe, where he remained until 1944. While there he established a fine reputation as a dispenser of seafoods. In 1945, because of the increase in business and desiring a more modern building, he remodeled and renovated the large brick building at 129-131 Howertown Road. At the death of Mr. Geiger in 1947, the business was taken over by his son, Stephen. The dining room, modern in all respects, can accommodate 115 guests at one time. Geiger's specialize in seafoods prepared especially to suit the taste of his patrons. Fine food is served in a relaxing and home-like atmosphere.

MICHAEL'S CLEANERS, 37 Second Street—Michael Nederostek, proprietor of the drycleaning and tailoring business, a native Catasauquan, veteran of World War II. He was connected with the clothing industry for several years followed by a few years' experience in a large cleaning and tailoring establishment his shop was set up in 1937. Delivery service and cash and carry is conducted.

LORRAINE'S BEAUTY NOOK was opened in November, 1950, by Mrs. Lorraine Clauser with quarters on the second floor of her home at 748 Second Street. The proprietor of this beauty shop has had vast experience in rendering all beauty services. A specialty is made of nationally known beauty products including a complete line of cosmetics.

MILLER'S DEPT. STORE is located at the corner of Front and Church Streets. Founded in 1930 by the present owner, Philip Miller, this store has gradually progressed with the times.

In 1948 Mr. Miller purchased the building. It has recently been remodeled, when a new store adjoining the original store was added to include a new women's and children's department. This building has beautified and improved the whole business section of Front Street.

Miller's proudly boast the fact that 90% of their merchandise is Nationally Advertised Brands. Catasauqua can look ahead for the next 100 years to a well known progressive store, *Miller's Department Store.*

PAUL T. ROTH, following in the footsteps of his father, Samuel A. Roth, became a barber and after working in his father's shop for sometime opened his own place of business at 117 Second Street in 1930. After 12 years in this location he moved to his present address at 342 Church Street.

QUAKER CITY PACKING CO., INC., whose warehouse is located at 501 Peach Street, specializes in slaughtering and canning horse meat. The firm established its local warehouse in 1951 in the former plant of the Lehigh Valley Ice Company.

The company, at one of its establishments prepares the following products under government inspection: 100 percent pure horse meat for dog food, horse meat and gravy, corned horse meat loaf and horse meat with salt. The corporation's president is Eugene J. Rudman and its office is located at 104 Union Street, Allentown.

LAROY W. HAUSER operates a retail meat and grocery business in the rear of 500 Race Street in the very location where he first started to learn his trade as meat cutter in his father's butcher shop and slaughter house. After 14 years' experience in this capacity Mr. Hauser started in business for himself in the borough of Northampton and continued his deliveries through Catasauqua.

On February 22, 1937, the business was moved to its present location, the property being acquired from the estate of his late father, Alvin A. Hauser. In 1941, a refrigerated truck was purchased and was one of the first to operate locally. Renovations to the business site were made in 1947 including a new refrigerator. A modern refrigerated truck complete with slicer, scales, meat case and frozen food cabinet was added in 1951.

NICKLAS' BAR — Originally known as the St. George Hotel, was established at 607 Front Street by George Koop in 1859. It was later purchased by the Hon. Ernest Nagle, who in turn sold the hotel to Leopold Ehle.

Joseph Waddick obtained possession in 1914 and changed the name to Waddick's Cafe. It was a popular habitat of sportsmen around the Valley, Joseph Waddick being a great baseball enthusiast. At his death the hotel was bequeathed to his daughters, Gertrude and Helen, and operated by them as a partnership until 1947.

The partnership was then dissolved and both business and building were bought by Carl and Helen Nicklas. Since 1951 the establishment is known as Nicklas' Bar.

E & F UPHOLSTERING CO., of 115 Church Street, was originally established in Fullerton, Pa. In June, 1952, the owners purchased the local property and moved their business there. The proprietors and operators are James J. Ferenchak of Catasauqua and Welch C. Everman of Fullerton, Pa. Both of the owners are veterans of World War II having served in the European Theater of Operations. A combined background of experience in the upholstering trade totals more than 30 years and qualifies them as manufacturers of upholstered furniture. Repairing and re-upholstering are specialties. Available also are custom made pieces of furniture to your own specifications and design.

THE TOWN RADIO & TELEVISION SHOP was established in January, 1950. George Gergel, proprietor, entered the Navy in January, 1951. Upon his discharge in May, 1952, Mr. Gergel returned to his shop at 111 Pine Street, where he is selling and repairing all types of radios and television sets.

TAMELER'S RESTAURANT AND STORE, Front and Race Streets, appropriately enough is housed in a century old building, originally known as the United States Hotel. Prior to the purchase of this building by Samuel Tameler in 1934, the building housed a grocery store and still later a wholesale beverage store.

WILLIAM SCHWENK'S grocery store was established in 1940, at 1005 Front Street. He carries a full line of groceries, green goods and meats. His courteous treatment of customers has increased his volume of business.

THE DISPATCH PRINTERY

The history of the Dispatch Printery dates back to September 1, 1870, when Edmund Randall opened a printing establishment in the Esch building, Front Street, near Mulberry. Mr. Randall established the Catasauqua Dispatch, which has since been published weekly. The paper championed the cause of many public utilites and pioneered in the memorable Old Home Week Celebration in 1914.

Later the establishment was located at 108 Church Street; later on it was moved to 113 Bridge Street, where the business was conducted for approximately 60 years. Mr. Randall retired from business in 1914, when John S. Matchette became the editor and proprietor.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Matchette, who became cashier of the Lehigh National Bank, the business was taken over by R. H. Steinmetz, who has since been the editor and proprietor of the Dispatch Printery.

The business continued to grow and Mr. Steinmetz found it necessary to seek larger quarters. In the fall of 1952, he purchased the former Fuller garage and apartment building from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. After the necessary alterations had been made, the business was transferred to its present location at 420 Howertown Road.

With the addition of more floor space and the introduction of the new automatic presses, the firm is able to handle a greater volume of business.

THE CLEARVIEW HOTEL, 1051 Howertown Road, was established by Frank Newhard in 1890. The present owners, Theodore Grason and Andrew Molnar, adopted the present name when they took over the business in September, 1947.

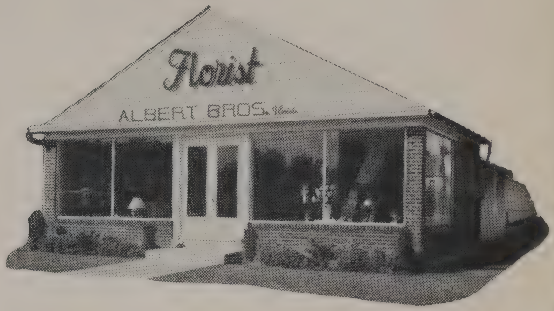
Both are World War II veterans, Grason serving overseas with the Navy and Molnar with the Army. Mrs. Andrew Molnar assists the owners and supervises the kitchen.

The hotel has, besides the bar, two dining rooms and thirteen guests' rooms. Adjoining the hotel is a beautiful lot with several oak trees that were a part of the old Breinig's Woods.

WALTER B. KLINE, manager of Kline's Garage, Eleventh and Bath Avenue, is well qualified to do general repair work. In 1925 Mr. Kline received a diploma from the Chevrolet Auto Co. He started business in West Catasauqua in 1943 and in 1946 established himself in his present quarters. While the garage is an official inspection station, Mr. Kline also deals in tires, batteries, oil and gas.

DAVID PAUL—For the past 30 years, David Paul has served the people of Catasauqua with baked goods. He was born in Catasauqua and resided here all his life. He left the employ of the Bryden Horseshoe in 1922 to become a driver for E. P. Keener bakery. In 1931 he started a baker route of his own. For several years he also conducted a grocery store at 1333 Fourth Street. Through his jolly disposition and excellent service, he has made many friends in our community.

ALBERT BROS. FLORISTS—Owned and operated by Charles H. and William J. Albert, operations were begun in the spring of 1949. Shortly afterward a complete floral service was added.



A new modern store and workroom were constructed in 1950, increasing the service to their many customers. As the business grew two units were added in 1952.

SAMUEL A. ROTH has operated a barber shop since Feb. 15, 1909. The original location was 424 Second Street from where Mr. Roth moved to 429 Front Street. 611 Front Street was his next location but he soon moved back to 429 Front Street where he remained for 33 years. Mr. Roth is now conducting his business at 213 Bridge Street.

THE VARSITY—located at Front and Walnut Streets opened for business on March 15, 1940 as a refreshment stand and dance hall. In 1945, the premises were completely remodeled; new fixtures, kitchen equipment and stainless steel back bar were added at this time. Upon reopening as The Varsity Restaurant, a complete menu was offered with something deliciously different every day.

R. S. DAVIES started in the shoe business in 1915 at 427 Front Street being associated with his brother in a firm known as Davies Brothers. After one year the store moved to its present location at 125 Bridge Street. In 1920 the partnership was terminated with the senior member of the firm, R. S. Davies becoming the owner and continuing the business until the present time. Mr. Davies has always prided himself in the fact that he caters to the public's wishes and supplies quality footwear for the entire family. The store is known over a large area for accurate fitting and foot correction.

BREISCH'S BARBER SHOP, 607 Third Street, is conducted by Edwin O. Breisch, Jr., who served his apprenticeship under the late William R. Roxberry. In 1924 Mr. Breisch began his own business in the Sacks building at Front and Walnut Streets. He moved his shop to the present location in July, 1945, and began appointment service in March, 1947.

JOE'S RADIO & TELEVISION SERVICE—1036-38 Third Street, had its beginning in 1946. After Joe had served 45 months in the United States Army as a radio electrician, he returned to Catasauqua in Dec. 1945, and decided to open a radio and television repair shop. Approximately one year was required to acquire tools and instruments for servicing. In 1948, Joseph Hnat was franchised as a leader for Motorola Products. In November 1949, the present modern storeroom was constructed.

Mr. Hnat specializes in electronics—radio, television and associated items.

WILLIAMS HARDWARE — 515-19 Front Street, previously known as Schneller's Hardware, was purchased on July 1, 1945, by John T. and Thelma Williams. The store, founded in 1848, by the late C. G. Schneller, is one of the oldest stores in the Lehigh Valley. Felton and Sibley paints, nationally advertised merchandise, have been sold in the store for 83 years.

The present owners have modernized the interior by installing the most recent display cases and lighting. They have been serving the community with such items as sporting goods, paints, hardware, toys and housewares. A large amount of stock is carried to supply the demands of the people.

PICKERING'S started in business in Catasauqua in 1938 on a house to house basis. In 1945 a ladies' wear store was opened at 411 Front Street. The business was expanded in 1947 with the acquisition of the store room at 413 Front Street. In 1951 due to public demand the store facilities were further expanded and a shoe department added. A complete line of men's wear was added in 1952. Also in 1952 a sign was erected in front of the store which is the largest "V" shaped sign in the Lehigh Valley. Pickering's carries a complete line of ladies', children's and men's wear, featuring nationally advertised merchandise in every department.

KOONS PLUMBING & HEATING—In 1949, Michael J. Koons and Sidney Rosenblatt bought the former Frey Brothers plumbing business. Mr. Koons became the sole owner in 1952. The place of business is located at 640 Liberty Street.

EDDIE BATORI'S CAFE—located at Eleventh and Race Streets, was established in 1897 by Theodore J. Geiger. The place was known as the Fairmont Hotel. Eddie Batori took possession in 1946 and began to operate it as a restaurant and cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Batori are always glad to serve the public and are genial hosts.

A. J. HECKENBERGER, together with his two sons established the garage business at 120 Pine Street in 1944. The place is equipped with the latest appliances known to the automotive business. The firm has a Pennsylvania Inspection Station, where aligning and front end repairing, and generator, starter and electric repairs are made.

KECK'S ATHLETIC CLUB, 737 Front Street, was organized in 1941. The purpose of the club is to promote athletic activities among its members. Teams sponsored by the club have won several baseball and basketball championships. Approximately 95 per cent of its members served in World War II.

CATASAUQUA NEWS AGENCY—A news agency was established by Frank Beck on lower Front Street about 1898. Later the business was purchased by Edward Burns, who conducted the establishment until failing health brought about his retirement. Eventually the business passed into the hands of Charles A. Markell, who has conducted the business with marked ability since 1951. He carries a full line of magazines, pocket-size books, daily and Sunday newspapers. The business is located at 423 Front Street.

NEIMAN'S GARAGE was started by Willard (Bill) Neiman at Sixth and Arch Streets, on a part time basis in 1949. He does all kinds of body and fender work, painting and welding. Mr. Neiman's experience in automobile work dates back quite a few years. From 1934 until the beginning of World War II, he built and maintained race cars, but left garage work to do defense work until 1949. He started operating the garage full time in 1950. In a short time the business grew until he lacked the necessary working space, so last year an addition was built which doubled the size of the garage. Recently steering service equipment has been added, including wheel aligning and balancing.

TODD'S BARBER SHOP is reputed to be the oldest shop in Catasauqua, being established in 1870. The building located in the 300 block on Front Street was originally the town's fire engine house and housed the old fashioned hand pump engine. The present owner, Stephen Todd purchased the business from his brother in 1929 and has since completely renovated the shop to give it its modern appearance.

BOROWSKI'S CAFE located at 727 Front Street, will be remembered by some as the Chestnut House. Under that name it was operated by William O'Brien for forty-five years. In 1912, Walter Borowski took possession of the property. He made extensive renovations to the premises and moved the service facilities, which had been in the basement, to the first floor. Mr. Borowski conducted the business until his death in 1936, when his son-in-law and daughter, John and Blanche Klinikowski, became the proprietors.

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Hudsco Cleaners and Tailors, 730 Second Street, was established in 1923 at Fullerton, Pennsylvania. In 1927, the business was moved to Front and Walnut Streets, Catasauqua and then in 1933 to its present location where a modern cleaning plant of 7,500 square feet is now in operation.

The plant is equipped with modern machinery and by using the latest methods of cleaning it has created a great demand for its services. The present capacity is four tons a week. The firm specializes in handling garments that are unusually constructed and do not respond to ordinary cleaning methods. Its fleet of trucks covers a radius of eight miles insuring prompt call and delivery service. A staff of 20 to 25 employees, many with years of service in their highly skilled trades, turn out the grade of work for which the firm is famous. The plant has a complete tailoring department where you can have a button sewed on or a complete wardrobe tailored of the finest materials. It also offers cold fur storage and remodeling of furs.

Hudsco Cleaners is locally owned by Andrew and Louise Hudsco.

MARK BROS. ELECTRICAL HOME APPLIANCE STORE at 113 Bridge Street, has been serving this community for the past eight years. Henry J. Mark and Vincent A. Mark began their business career by forming a partnership in September 1945, and opening a place of business at 118 Pine Street. In spring of 1953, they moved to their present location which was formerly occupied by the Dispatch Printery. The store features the famous Hotpoint line of ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers, automatic washers, dryers, water heaters, disposal units, and cabinets. Electric clocks, toasters, roasters, irons, mixers, and many other electric appliances are stocked.

Prior to their business career Henry J. Mark was employed by the Bryden Horse Shoe and the Penna. Power and Light Co. where he received valuable sales experience. Vincent A. Mark served in World War II and participated in seven major campaigns in the African-European war area.

STANLEY E. J. FRANTZ, representing insurance companies who sell health, accident, fire, automobile, and other kinds of insurance, stands ready to supply the needs of his patrons and supply their insurance in a conscientious manner. One of the companies, by name, The Continental, represented by Mr. Frantz is, like Catasauqua, observing its 100th anniversary this year. Mr. Frantz also serves the community by performing the duties of Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Insurance became a part time occupation for Mr. Frantz in 1928. He continued in that capacity until 1948, when he was able to devote full time to his business.

CATASAUQUA COAL & ICE CO., was organized in 1925, by Bertrain Campbell, Clifford Young, Joseph Shinton and Earl Young. The business was operated by this partnership until 1933, when it was sold to Joseph and Reuben Lazarus. They continued it until 1943 when the present proprietor, J. Warren Boyer, purchased the property and took over the operation of the firm.

JOE MALIK'S SERVICE STATION, 1327 Fourth Street, caters to the needs of the modern day motorist, furnishing him with gasoline, lubrication, tires, batteries and accessories. Minor repairs to the car are made by Mr. Malik who served in the Army Air Forces as a pilot during the years from 1942 to 1947. He expects to re-enter the Air Force in the near future.

WOTRING'S GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE, 318 Church Street, was built by Robert Miller in 1884 and was originally conducted as a shoe store. In 1907, the building was purchased by Harry S. Wotring, who conducted a grocery store. An addition was built in 1915 to handle general merchandise. In 1947, Clinton Wotring, brother of Harry, bought the property and is continuing the business place which for more than 46 years is known as Wotring's Store.

ELWOOD P. SMITH, who formerly managed the meat department for the American Stores Co. is conducting his own market at 117½ Pine Street. In order to fully accommodate the public Mr. Smith handles a full line of fresh and smoked meats as well as frozen foods, poultry and groceries.

YE OLD DUTCH TAVERN — at 206 Second Street, is operated by Julius Schrampf and his wife, Caroline. Mr. Schrampf acquired the property from Theodore Geiger, long famous for operating an excellent seafood restaurant. Other predecessors in the business were Henry Kirsch and the Kostenbader family who established it. Mr. Schrampf, using the experience gained as a federal meat inspector, chooses only the finest quality meats to serve his patrons. The establishment maintains a main dining room which accommodates 130 people and a smaller one seating 50. Full course dinners are served daily. Parties and banquets are catered during legal operating hours since the tavern is a fully-licensed place of business.

KLINGLER'S RADIO, SOUND & TV SERVICE which is operated by Lawrence O. Klingler, at 115 Bridge Street, was opened for business in 1943. Mr. Klingler, a Bonded Electronic Technician and sound engineer, carries a nationally known and advertised line of radio, television and sound equipment. His mobile amplifying set-up is well known and recognized as an advertising medium.

BLOCKER'S SERVICE STATION — This business was started by Luke C. Blocker, in 1930, on the western corner of Front and Bridge Streets, under lease of the Tide Water Company. In 1936 his son, Earl A. Blocker, became a partner. Business improved steadily so that by 1939 the Tide Water Co. erected a new service station, at the northeast corner of Front and Bridge, which was leased to Blocker & Son.

Shortly after they entered their new establishment, they purchased the Crane Iron Co. lot and stable on Front Street. At this location they constructed a modern building which they now operate as a service station and a combination auto accessories and hardware store.

THOMAS' FRUIT MARKET — The oldest established fruit market in Catasauqua dates back to 1910. Peter Thomas came to Catasauqua and not only opened a fruit market at 505 Front Street, but also started a fruit route which covered Catasauqua and the surrounding territory. In 1938 the business was purchased by his son, James, who moved to 212 Bridge Street, where he conducts a modern market. He specializes in foreign and domestic fruits and carries a large assortment of frozen foods. Jim is a member of the Catasauqua Club, the Catasauqua High Alumni Association, Alumni Varsity "C" Club, Borough Council and the American Legion.

MIZGERD'S GROCERY was opened for business in 1943 at 1101 Fourth Street. The store handles a complete line of meats, groceries and general merchandise and offers a large selection of items useful to the householder.

Since acquiring the property, Mrs. Mizgerd, the present proprietor, has completely remodeled and renovated the store room, adding modern equipment and furnishings. Predecessors as proprietors of the store are Joseph Tempest and the late Harry Kosman.

EAST END MILK BAR—468-70 Race Street is operated by Paul W. and Erma C. Lazarus. A general store was erected on the above site in 1886 by Samuel Hock. Early proprietors were J. J. Seyfried and George C. D. Goldsmith. Later Amandus Kibler conducted a clock repair shop and ice cream parlor. Minnie Snyder converted the establishment to a soda fountain and light lunch business. March 4, 1949, the present proprietors started the East End Milk Bar.

JOSEPH MALOZZI — Purchased the ice business from John Marsch in July, 1945. He has conducted the business since that time. He is active in firemen's affairs and is assistant paid driver of the Southwark Hose Co.

FARMERS' HOTEL—One of the oldest hostelries in the community is the cafe located at 735 Front Street, which was established by Charles Clauser in 1863. Owen McCarty purchased the business and after making extensive renovations changed the name to "The Farmers' Hotel". In 1897 John Fisher became the proprietor and the following year was succeeded by Frank McCarty. Following the latter's death in 1928 Charles McCarty took charge of the establishment and has operated the business for over 46 years with the assistance of his twin sons, John and Charles. With the exception of one year the hotel has been in possession of the McCarty family for 85 years.

RABE BROTHERS — John and Stephen started in the filling station business in 1947, at Front and Bridge Streets, and conduct a business which includes full lubrication, all kinds of services to the motorist, and accessories for the automobile of today. A year later they expanded their facilities to include a fuel oil service whereby they can give complete service to their patrons who use oil heat in their homes and places of business. A recent acquisition is the property at 550 Limestone Street which was purchased in order to give them enlarged quarters in which to conduct their fuel oil business. Rabe Brothers expect to add a fleet of oil tank trucks in the near future.

WALKER'S CAFE—In October, 1935, Roland S. R. Walker purchased the Hotel Walker, 424 Race Street. February 1, 1936, the trade name was changed to Walker's Cafe. The property at 429 Race Street was purchased by Mr. Walker, who made necessary renovations. He resumed business at the new address November 11, 1947, where he is still located.

CALVIN PETERS and Sinclair products combine to make a fine, modern service station at Second and Middle Streets. Mr. Peters has operated at this location since the station was built in 1940. He specializes in rendering courteous service to the motoring public. The finest in lubrication service is available with a complete line of automotive accessories.

HELKER'S GROCERY was established at 617 Fourth Street, in 1890, by Edmund Troxell. The next owner, H. F. Hoffman, continued the store for 13 years, then J. E. Helker and Company succeeded him in 1921. James E. Helker and his son, Robert B. Helker, inaugurated a semi self-service general store in 1946. Their stock consists of all foods necessary for the home.

NORMAN J. STEINHILBER — has been a Justice of the Peace in the Borough of North Catasauqua since January, 1922. In addition to his official duties, Mr. Steinhilber is the representative of several stock fire insurance companies. He has served in this capacity for over a quarter of a century. His office is located at 1205 Third Street.

THE EDGAR STORE, located at 527 Front Street, was established 44 years ago. The business is presently conducted by John and his son, Thomas. Patent medicines toilet articles, candy, cigars and tobacco, as well as photo supplies including cameras, flashbulbs and films are sold. The soda fountain has featured Abbott's ice cream for the past 31 years. Ice cream in bulk or package may be obtained in ten different flavors.

The Edgar building, a two-story brick building, was erected in 1909. The second floor of the building is occupied by a dental office and a photo studio. A wool shop is located in the basement.

GILLETTE'S WALLPAPER AND PAINTS—Catasauqua's only interior decorating supply store, located at 425 Front Street, opened its doors in March, 1950, with a complete line of supplies necessary to beautify the interior and exterior of the home.

Its policy is to give quality at lower cost, plus convenience and sound advice, based upon the proprietor's experience as a jobbing contractor in this field.

John O. Gillette, manager, saw the need for such a store and is giving the people a fine store with quality merchandise.

YOUNGER BEAUTY SHOPPE—Ella M. Younger, now Mrs. Harold Woodring, opened a beauty shop in her home at 714 Race Street, in January, 1939. Business was conducted at the above address until 1945, when the shop was moved to its present location, 607 Race Street.

F. W. LEICKEL & SON

F. W. Leickel & Son, founded in 1923 by Fred W. Leickel. This firm has been in continuous operation in this community for the past 30 years.

Specializing in house-wiring, and using the front room of his residence for a fixture display room, Mr. Leickel's business grew until he found it necessary to move to a new location. In 1926 the business was moved to a remodeled showroom at 120 Front Street. Operating from this location until 1947, Mr. Leickel was joined in business by his son, John, and moved to their present location at 621 Front Street. A modern showroom was constructed and the scope of their work broadened to a point, where at the present time, practically every form of electrical work is performed, including residential and industrial wiring, appliance sales and service, kitchen planning and modernization.

Engaged with them in their work is Thomas Miles, 1109 Fifth Street, North Catasauqua, who has been with the firm for thirty years. George Holko, 26 Front Street, Catasauqua, has been employed for the past six years.

GEIGER'S MARKET, located at Third and Arch Streets, serves the community by providing a modern self service shopping center. Mr. Geiger's predecessor was the late Harry Onuschak from whom the premises were purchased on April 1, 1946. Mr. Onuschak conducted a grocery store at this location for many years. The new management immediately proceeded to remodel the store, enlarging the store room, replacing old equipment and shelves, as well as beautifying the exterior of the building. Merchandising quality meats and groceries is the result of 20 years of experience in this field.

IMHOF'S HEATING AND REFRIGERATION is owned by Anthony A. Imhof, Jr., 104 Front Street. He graduated from Catasauqua High School, class of 1935, and from Refrigeration Engineering Institute, Youngstown, O. He was engaged in the refrigeration, electrical and heating fields with various firms until 1943 when he entered the ship repair unit of the U. S. Navy. After his discharge from service, he was associated with the General Machine Co. in Emmaus. In 1949 he entered into business for himself for the installation and service of commercial refrigeration, air conditioning, and automatic heating.

JOE'S SHOE SERVICE was opened for business in 1950 at 705 Front Street. Joseph Duracinsky, proprietor of this shoe repairing shop, quickly earned the excellent reputation he now enjoys by the quality of work performed.

SAVOY THEATRE — The history of the Savoy Theatre dates back to the year 1906, when W. H. Wentz built the Majestic Theatre with a seating capacity of 835.

In 1933, Mr. Wentz sold the theatre to its present owner, Mr. William G. Humphries, who changed its name from Majestic to Savoy.

Stanley Nyquist, Reading, was the theatre's manager from 1933 until his death in June, 1948. Michael Golomb, of Coplay, became the manager of the Savoy Theatre in July, 1948, and still serves in that capacity.

Today the Savoy has a 546 seating capacity and aims to give its patrons the finest motion picture entertainment available.

MUSIC SERVICE CO.—526 American Street, is engaged in one of the fastest growing businesses of these times, that of furnishing entertainment in the form of coin-operated phonographs and amusement games. The proprietors, Michael Olejack and Clarence D. Smith, assure their customers of the latest in music of all kinds as well as the established favorites. Amusement games of every description are distributed to various locations throughout the vicinity.

MARK'S HOTEL—located on Arch Street, North Catasauqua, was established by a Mrs. Malone and continued by Stephen Czapp. Later owners were John Smajda and Thomas Hlatky. After being closed for six years Anthony Mark purchased the property and opened the hotel for business.

A. F. KOONS & SONS

In April, 1868, Abraham F. Koons entered the Life and Fire Insurance business at the same location where the present office of A. F. Koons & Son now stands. The year 1872 saw him elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for the first time. He continued in the insurance business and served the community as Justice until his death in 1898. In the year 1896 his son, the late Edwin C. Koons entered the business with his father to form the firm of A. F. Koons and Son. The following year another son, the late Albert A. Koons, joined the Insurance Agency, and specialized solely in Life Insurance. He set new and outstanding records in the writing of Life Insurance Volume; he later became General Agent for the Bankers Life Association, in Pennsylvania. During his Life Insurance business he made outstanding records in this field; for during the years 1906 and 1907 he wrote more than $1,000,000 in paid up insurance. A. A. Koons later left Catasauqua to accept the position of general agent for a large Eastern life insurance company in New York City.

When A. F. Koons died in 1898, Governor Hastings appointed his son, the late Edwin C. Koons as Justice of the Peace. Having been elected by his fellow citizens for seven terms, he served continually until his death in 1939.

The Insurance Agency began with the representation of six companies, two life and four fire. Of the original Fire Insurance Companies, two are still represented by the agency today. As the volume of business increased, new companies were added; at the present time the agency represents 16 companies, ten of which have been represented by the agency 50 years or more.

In the year 1934 Edwin H. Koons joined the agency, and is now the sole owner. Due to the illness of his father in 1939, he sought the office of Justice of the Peace, and was elected in the fall of 1939. He has served as Justice in the community since that time, and thus extended continuously the office of Justice in the family since the year 1872. (A record for the community, in the State).

Mr. Koons enlarged his services to the community by adding real estate which he has since greatly developed.

Edwin H. Koons was educated in the public schools of the Borough, Catasauqua High School, Lafayette College and University of Virginia Graduate School. He is married to the former Alyce S. Fetzer, who is now associated with him in the Agency. Mrs. Koons attended Bradford Junior College and Cedar Crest College. They have one son Edwin H. Koons, Jr.

Mr. Koons is a member of the Lehigh Association of Insurance Agents, the Pennsylvania Agents Association, the National Association of Insurance Agents, and the Allentown Real Estate Board.

It is with great pride and humble thanks to the citizens of the Borough of Catasauqua and vicinity that the A. F. Koons & Sons Insurance Agency is now celebrating its 85th anniversary.

WALKER'S HOTEL located at the Five Points formed where Second Street, Union Street and Howertown Road come together was originally known as the Union Hotel and was bought by August Richter in 1871. After continuing the business for a long period of time Mr. Richter sold the establishment to Samuel Wint who in turn was succeeded by Benjamin Whitesell. Mordecai Markward was the next owner and operated until 1903 when he sold the business to William Walker. Paul J. Ambrose became the proprietor on Oct. 9, 1911, and carried on until 1945 when the property was sold to Edward F. R. Walker. Mr. Walker is the present owner and gave the hotel the Walker name.

THE ALUMNI VARSITY "C" CLUB of Catasauqua was organized in September, 1951. The aims of the organization are to attain a closer relationship between alumni athletes and the high school, and to foster better sportsmanship in general. All former athletes of Catasauqua High School are eligible for membership.

AMERICAN HOTEL—The first large hotel a traveler beholds upon entering Catasauqua by trolley or bus is the American, Front and Race Streets, which was erected in 1852. It was entirely rebuilt and modern conveniences introduced in 1889. It has 29 rooms. There have been no less than 15 proprietors since the hotel was established. In 1941 Stephen Bendekowitz acquired the business and upon his death his two sons, Louis and John, took over the business.

GARNER'S SELF-SERVICE MARKET, located at 316 Walnut Street, has been serving the public since 1943. The Garners began their grocery business in 1939 at 313 Walnut Street, but increased business necessitated the construction of a larger store at their present location. Their modern store specializes in Blue Knot products.

WALTER S. DANNER, of 734 Second Street, is conducting a general construction business. Mr. Danner moved to his present location from 108 Walnut Street. Construction work of all descriptions, repairing and renovations, are among the work available to the public with quick service assured.

KLINE KNIT WEAR—1128 Third Street. Henry Kline, a native of Allentown, was graduated from Muhlenberg College and served three years in the Second World War as a member of the India-China Air Force. After his discharge in 1945, he started a manufacturing business in Coplay and made sweaters, polo shirts, cardigans and pajamas. In 1951, he transferred his business to the above address. At the present time he employs 35 people but he expects to expand his business in the near future.

Mr. Kline married the former Beverly Newman, of Fountain Hill, a graduate of Penn State College. The couple plans to make Catasauqua their permanent home.

WILSON ROTH is another member of the local barbering business. His trade was taught him by his brother, Samuel A. Roth. In 1914, he opened his own shop at 1216 Third Street, at which location he still serves his patrons.

RICHARDS' STORE—mecca of high school and Lincoln building students has been operated since 1924 by Hanna and the late Tod Richards. Upon the death of Mr. Richards the business of handling candy, ice cream, school supplies, cigarettes and tobacco has been continued by Mrs. Richards at their original location at Peach Street and Howertown Road.

DAVE'S CAFE located at Front and RACE Streets was formerly known as the United States Hotel. The former proprietor, Samuel Tameler, conducted the business until 1949. The present proprietors, David Briggs, his daughter and son-in-law, purchased the business in 1950. They enjoy a large patronage and are always willing to cater to the public.

GRISCHOTT'S GROCERY, located at 715 Second Street, was founded by Preston Lindaman. Matthew Webber was the next owner of the business and upon his retirement sold out to William Dougherty, who operated the store for 34 years. The present owner, Philip Grischott, took possession in 1951 and stocked the store with a full line of merchandise to serve the public's needs.

HOWARD REPPERT, proprietor of the grocery store at 1038 Sixth Street, which was established by Jacob Vandegrift in 1939 has recently completed an addition to the store to include a new ice cooled meat counter. Mr. Reppert is adding new lines of groceries and meats to meet the demands of the trade.

MARHEFKO ECONOMY STORE was opened for business on March 10, 1951, at 1333 Fourth Street, featuring a full line of groceries, meats and fresh vegetables. Predecessors of Mr. Marhefko were David Paul and Joseph Piervallo, who in turn sold to the present owner.

DR. GEORGE L. LEWIS was born in Philadelphia. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and served one year's internship at the Philadelphia Osteopathic Hospital. Following an additional year of postgraduate work he was licensed for the practice of major surgery in 1928. Dr. Lewis has engaged in general practice in Hazleton, and in 1947 became affiliated with the Allentown Osteopathic Hospital in the Department of Anesthesiology. Since 1950 he has maintained an office for general practice at 1128 Third Street. Dr. Lewis is a member of the Catasauqua Rotary Club, the North Catasauqua Board of Health and the Borough Sewer Authority.

CARL J. NEWHARD, M. D., with offices at 218 Pine Street and at his residence at Hokendauqua, was graduated from Muhlenberg College and the University of Pennsylvania. Upon his graduation from medical school in 1919, he served his internship at the Alentown Hospital. In 1920 he began his private practice at Hokendauqua. Upon the death of Dr. John Schneller, Sr., he opened a Catasauqua office at 119 Pine Street in 1934. Later he renovated the building at 218 Pine Street and moved his office to the new location.

DR. JAMES C. REX—In September, 1952, Dr. Rex began the general practice of medicine at his present location, 302 Walnut Street, occupying the residence of the late Dr. Harry L. Baker, who so ably served the community as a physician and civic leader for many years.

Dr. Rex married the former Kathryn Lengel, a graduate nurse of the Allentown Hospital, in 1950.

After graduating from the Slatington High School he attended Penn State College and Bucknell. He served in the Navy for 33 months during World War II and graduated from the Temple University Medical School in 1950. Dr. Rex served a year's internship at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, and a year's residency in internal medicine at the Veterans' Administration Hospital, Dearborn, Mich.

DR. CARL RUCH—317 Bridge Street, was born March 19, 1921, in Allentown, Pa. Following his graduation from Allentown High School he pursued a higher education at Muhlenberg College from which institution he received his B. S. degree. His medical education was gained at the University of Pennsylvania where during his student days he became a member of the Strecker Society. He spent his internship at the Allentown Hospital and is now a member of the staff of that institution. Dr. Ruch started his practice in Catasauqua at 138 Second Street in September, 1951. He moved his offices to 317 Bridge Street, in December, 1952. He is married to the former Mary E. Desch, of Allentown, and they have one son, Lee Allan, one year old.

DR. H. J. S. KEIM was born in Allentown, but reared in Catasauqua. He is the son of Dr. Charles J. Keim and Elizabeth C. Keim. His father began the practice of medicine here in 1875.

Dr. Keim attended the public schools of the borough until 1887, when he entered Muhlenberg College, where he was a student for two years. He then served in the Agthe Pharmacy, this place. In 1890 he enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania for the study of medicine, remaining there for three years, after which he completed his medical course in 1894, at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia.

In 1894 he began the practice of medicine in Catasauqua, affiliating with his father until 1905, when his father retired from active practice. Dr. H. J. S. Keim then assumed the practice in which he is still engaged. In 1895 he was married to Fannie H. Heller of Allentown. Unto them two daughters were born, Emma E. Keim and A. Florence Keim. In 1906 his wife died after a short illness of typhoid fever.

In 1910 Dr. Keim was married to Mabel A. Richardson, who died several months ago. A daughter, Emma, is also deceased. Dr. Keim is the oldest practicing physician in Lehigh County. He has one son, Charles R. Keim.

DR. BYRON W. BARTON was born in Sloatsburg, New York, Dec. 25, 1892, the son of the late Wm. J. and Sarah Barton. After completing high school at Suffern, New York, he entered the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and upon graduation in 1914, came to Catasauqua. Here he was associated with Dr. J. E.

Rehrig until 1917, when he entered the U. S. Army Dental Corp as First Lieutenant serving in France and Germany. Upon his return in 1919. he opened a dental office at Front and Pine Streets, but shortly moved to his present location at 125 Bridge Street.

Dr. Barton is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has for the past twenty-five years served either as a Trustee or as an Elder of the Session. He served on the Boy Scout committee and council and as a member of the Public Library Board. He is a member of the American Legion, Porter Lodge of Catasauqua and of the Consistory of the Masonic Order of Allentown. He holds membership in the XI Psi Phi National Fraternity, the American Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Society, and the Lehigh Valley Dental Society, of which he served as president in 1932. He is presently serving his second term as member of the School Board of Catasauqua.

In June, 1917, he married Marion A. Evans of Catasauqua and they have a son, Roger E., also a dentist, and a daughter Elyse, a dental hygienist. The family resides at 527 Fourth Street.

DR. RALPH J. MINNER has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Catasauqua since Dec. 1, 1916. He is a graduate of Allentown High School and Medico-Chirugical College, Philadelphia, where he received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Dr. Minner is a veteran of World War I, having served as a First Lieut. in the Dental Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army.

Active in Community affairs he has been a member of the School Board and during his term as President (1934-1938) they built the swimming pool, bath house, pavilion, and rest rooms at the Catasauqua playgrounds. He has also served as President and Treasurer of the Catasauqua Library Association, President of the Rotary Club, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and President of the Lehigh Valley Dental Society. A member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church he has served on its Church Council for 25 years and for 27 years has taught the Men's Bible Class.

He is a director in The National Bank of Catasauqua, a Director and one of the organizers of the Boys' Club of Catasauqua, and is the President of the Catasauqua - Hanover School Authority, which is at present building the new gymnasium for the school district. He resides at the Dery Home and his office is located in the Edgar Bldg., 527 Front Street.

WILLIAM R. DEWAR, M. D., started to practice in Catasauqua in 1948. A member of the United States Naval Reserve for ten years, and the Civilian Conservation Corps for one year, Dr. Dewar was recalled to active duty in 1950. In October 1952, he returned to resume his practice in the office of the late Dr. John S. Schneller.

Born in Pittsburgh, Dr. Dewar attended State Teachers College, California, Pennsylvania, the University of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann Medical College, and later interned at the Allentown Hospital. While attending school in Philadelphia he worked for three years as medical assistant for the

Baldwin Locomotive Works in that city.

Dr. Dewar's wife is the former Thelma Neidig, R. N., graduate of the Allentown Hospital. They have two children, William A. III and Kathleen Marie.

CATASAUQUA CLUB—

Back in the days before the moving picture, automobile, radio, television, or income tax, when a dollar a day was good pay, and a nickel was still a useful coin, the Catasauqua Club was organized as a Bicycle Club. As a result of this successful social venture, the Catasauqua Club was organized and chartered as a social club at its first meeting on October 11, 1897.

Ten years later the Auquasat Club was organized by the younger men of Catasauqua as a social club. Some years later this club joined with the Catasauqua Club to form the present organization.

The former Emanuel residence on Pine Street has been the clubhouse of the Catasauqua Club since it was organized in 1897.

The membership of the Catasauqua Club now totals 175 resident and nonresident members, the limit set by its Board of Governors.

Present officers of the club are: President, Walter Zirinski; Vice President, Robert Montgomery; Secretary, Floyd W. Moll; Treasurer, Fred E. Storch.

CATASAUQUA ROTARY CLUB —

Through the efforts of Rev. George L. Willets, Gus E. Oswald, Dr. John S. Schneller, Robert J. Beitel and Atty. William H. Schneller, the Rotary Club was formally organized in December, 1925, with a membership of 25.

Catasauqua Rotary has played a prominent part in the life of the community, its members participating in all forms of civic life, serving on the School Board, Borough Council, Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, and helping in special community efforts whenever required.

Rotary was the organizer and sponsor of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Boys' Club, which it fathered until it became a Red Feather Agency. It created the Rotary Club Student Loan Fund, which is still available to deserving students.

Members of the club were active in the Pine Street bridge campaign. For the past three years the club has sponsored a child to Camp Daddy Allen, sending a child each year for the full four week camping period. Rotary in its quiet manner has been and will continue to be a force for good in the community.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSN.—

In October, 1949, the Catasauqua Parent-Teacher Association was organized with Paul A. Weaver as the motivating force. He was ably assisted by the following officers: Mrs. Catherine Scheetz, Secretary; James Scott, Treasurer; Ralph Schlicher, First Vice President; Mrs. Allen Campbell, Second Vice President; Mrs. Ralph Boyer, Third Vice President; Mrs. Wilbur Wehr, Fourth Vice President.

In 1951 the Hanover Township schools were merged with Catasauqua School District and the name was changed to Catasauqua-Hanover Township Parent-Teacher Association.

The objects of our Parent-Teacher Association are as follows:

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church and community.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

THE CATASAUQUA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION was organized through the efforts of two members of the class of 1896, Mrs. Gertrude Kemp Tandlich and Mrs. Ethel Edwards Young. The purpose for which the organization was formed was "The Betterment of the Public Schools of Catasauqua." Frank M. Horn, of the first graduating class in 1868, was elected president.

Through the years, the association has conducted many social and educational affairs. The association took an active part in the Old Home Week Celebration in 1914.

In 1915 and 1916, a scholarship to Cedar Crest College was awarded to the girl in the graduating class receiving the highest average in the academic course. Since 1911 cash awards have been presented to the senior with the highest average.

When the gymnasium was built in 1928, a fund of over $2000 was raised for the purchase of equipment.

The association did not function from 1937 until January 25, 1951, when it was reactivated under the leadership of Robert Riegel. Since that time the organization has taken an active part in school and civic affairs. The Drama group produced several plays and the Chorus presented concerts and a minstrel.

The Varsity A Club has done much to foster the high school athletic program. Several dances have been held with the high school students as guests. Under the sponsorship of the Association, a high school dance band has been formed. This group has been trained by Alumnus Matt Gillespie.

Four times a year each active and associate member receives a newsletter informing him of school and alumni activities. Reunion Week is held each year at the close of the school term.

Presidents of the Association since its founding have been: Frank M. Horn, 1896-1898; Charles R. Horn, 1898-1904; Abner H. Buck, 1904-1911; Rufus W. G. Wint, 1911-1913; Charles Horn, 1913-1918; Harry H. Aubrey, 1918-1926; J. Russell Moat, 1926-37; Robert Riegel, 1951-1953.

As stated in the preface of the book, the Centennial Publicity Committee unanimously agreed that there should be no display advertising and that all copy should be of a historical nature. However, we wish to acknowledge the receipt of money from the following industries and businesses and thank them for their patronage.

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A CHALLENGE

It is hoped that the foregoing record will prove both interesting and informative and thus foster a real sense of appreciation and respect for all our business establishments together with those who administer them.

We should ever be reminded that they constitute a very vital part of our economy and prosperity and therefore, entitled to receive every conceivable consideration including such support, cooperation and assistance as may be reasonably desired and within our ability to provide.

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By the same token it is our fervent hope that those who are presently engaged in the conduct of any business, trade or service operation may continue to prosper, find the rewards ample and the satisfactions abundant.

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June 21 - 27, 1953

PROGRAM

Business Men's Show—Week of June 15th

Sunday, June 21st —Religious Day. Community services.

Monday, June 22nd —Civic Day. Dinner and speaker in Legion Hall.

Tuesday, June 23rd —County and State Day. Dedication of Bridge.

Wednesday, June 24—Mardi Gras Day. Parade and floats.

Thursday, June 25th—Fellowship Day. Dinner meetings of service clubs and organizations.

Friday, June 26th —Alumni Day. Field events and reunions.

Saturday, June 26th—Firemen's Day. Firemen's Parade and Demonstration.

Fireworks Display —Monday and Saturday evenings.

A mammoth spectacle with a cast of over 400 townspeople will be presented at the playgrounds and there will be performances of this historic pageant four nights of the Celebration.

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